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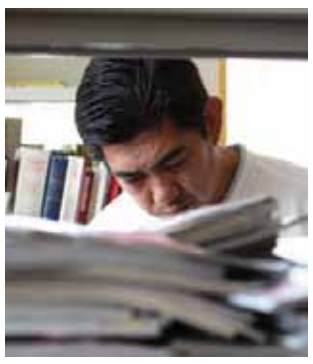

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EPA fines CUC $140K

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REPORTER

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fined the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. $140,000 yesterday for failing to submit a plan for reorganizing CUC to bring its wastewater plants, collection systems, and public drinking water systems into compliance.

The reorganization plan is among the requirements of one of two stipulated orders imposed on CUC last year to improve its services related to water, wastewater, and oil handling.

Under the order, CUC was required by September 2009 to submit a plan and schedule to improve the efficiency of its operations and make required organizational changes.

"To date, CUC has failed to submit the plan, despite repeated

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Local, federal agencies team up for 36-hour terror attack drill

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A 36-hour full-scale exercise between CNMI and federal agencies kicked off yesterday morning involving a scenario where at least two people are "killed" and five others are "injured" in a car explosion reportedly perpetrated by "a group of terrorists."

The exercise, dubbed "Mesngon" ("enduring" in Chamorro) was still ongoing as of press time. It is scheduled to end today.

The exercise involves two simultaneous scenarios: A car explosion at an abandoned house in Koblerville and the discovery

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Two Guam National Guard Civil Support Team members in protective suits respond to an abandoned house in Koblerville area where a "car explosion" left two persons "dead" and five "injured" as part of a 36-hour full scale exercise dubbed "Mesngon" that kicked off yesterday.

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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
Commonwealth Utilities Corp. assistant executive director Abe Malae, left, shows senators a list of disputed past due accounts with CUC of almost $7 million, while CUC chief financial officer Charles H. Warren, right, looks on, in the Senate chamber on Capital Hill yesterday morning.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. officials told senators yesterday that the government's past due account with CUC is now down to $2.2 million but some $1 million in new utility billings will be added by the end of June.

Charles H. Warren, chief financial officer of CUC, and

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CUC assistant executive director Abe Malae said the government needs to be current in its account just like any other customers, so that CUC could plan for fuel purchases to run its power plants, among other things.

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Pineda, Lizama are HJHS' top graduates

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Jace Pineda and Ezra Lizama were hailed as the top two students in this year's batch of graduates of Hopwood Junior High School. The two were among the 479 eighth-graders who were promoted to high school during yesterday's graduation ceremony at the school's Chalan Kiya campus.

Pineda, the daughter of Elmer and Tess Pineda, is this year's recipient of the prestigious Board of Education award, the school's highest accolade equivalent to valedictorian honors. She will continue her education at Kagman High School.

JACE PINEDA
Valedictorian

EZRA LIZAMA
Salutatorian

Pineda described her two years in Hopwood as a long journey, but a very worthwhile one. "I am grateful that I was able to share this journey with my fellow friends, family, teachers and *hilitai* members," she said.

Hopwood's second top student this year's was Ezra Lizama, the son of Shirley and Ben Lizama, who was presented with the Commissioner of Education Award. The 14-year-old will soon be a student at Kagman High School next year.

Other students on the Top 10 list were Jonavelle Cuerdo, Kristine Sophia Batac, Keanah Faye Deleon Guerrero, Matthew Lopez, Allysha Hillary Lloren, Harold Aranda, Jinky Marie Kintaro, and Marielle Kapileo.

Four students were also named recipients of the Principal's Awards: Marielle Kapileo, Harold Aranda, Joni Castro, and Keanah Faye Deleon Guerrero.

Hopwood also named six students as recipients of the Athlete's Awards, while several students received the U.S. Presidential Excellence Awards.

Board of Education chair Lucy Blanco-Maratita, along with member Herman Guerrero and Marylou Ada, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, and Hopwood principal Jonas Barcinas bestowed the Parents-Teachers-Student Association award on PTSA president Vic Cepeda.

This year's promotional ceremony theme was, "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you can dream it, you can become it" and was keynoted by Hopwood teacher Sharleen Crisostimo.

Barcinas, in his message to the graduates, said: "As you strive to achieve your dreams, don't forget the people around you that have helped you or have made a profound impact in your life. Never stop dreaming; the world is filled with infinite possibilities."

'Lawmakers failed the CNMI's youth'

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Special assistant for youth affairs Michael C. Manglona maintains that CNMI lawmakers disappointed young members of the community when they failed to provide assistance after a recent burglary at the Koblerville Youth Learning Center.

"They have my vote: the vote of failure. They failed the youth of CNMI. They failed our children," Manglona told members of the Rotary Club of Saipan at their regular meeting yesterday at Giovanni's restaurant of the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Manglona disclosed that not one of the six representatives of Precinct 1 contacted his office or the youth center after the burglary was reported in the media.

The youth center lost a computer set worth $2,000 on the morning of May 25.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* after the Rotary meeting, Manglona admitted that they did not try to contact any of the lawmakers but he pointed out that since the burglary was reported in both television and the newspaper, these lawmakers should have made the effort to get in touch with the youth center.

"These are the constituents' children. They wouldn't be [in their positions] if not for the parents [of these children]," Manglona added.

Manglona said the item lost wasn't just a computer. "[It is the] one computer [that] has all the software like how to play [the] guitar, how to type, how to say ABCs," he said.

He added that in reality, the burglar or burglars stole from the kids of the youth center, majority of whom are from low-income families. Manglona is particularly outraged because even the mouse pad was stolen.

Koblerville Youth Learning Center acting program coordinator Vernon-Lee I. Manglona, who also addressed the Rotarians at the meeting, said the Rotary Club of Saipan is the first organization that they approached for help since the burglary occurred.

Several Rotarians gave pledges of assistance after the meeting.

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'NMI passed 120 laws impacting the Fund'

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The CNMI government has passed a total of 120 laws that in whole or in part affected the NMI Retirement Fund program, according to Fund administrator Mark A. Aguon.

Speaking before a handful of retirees during yesterday's public hearing at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Aguon disclosed that it was through these enacted measures that several "changes" were made to the retirement system, all of which still affect its performance and viability.

When then Gov. Carlos Camacho signed Public Law 1-043 on Jan. 18, 1980, to establish the Retirement Fund, Aguon said it took just a year before Public Law 2-018 was enacted, imposing retroactive membership to Oct. 1, 1980 and further defining the membership eligibility of Fund members.

Another law that affected the program, Aguon said, is Public Law 3-099, which mandated no double-dipping except for elected officials. This law also increased benefits to current retirees by 6 percent, granted prior service credits, and allowed sick leave credits. It also allowed the board to establish a benefit ceiling for members.

Public Law 5-48 is also another culprit because it allowed the buy back of prior service credit, said Aguon.

Major changes have also been noted since the enactment of Public Law 6-17, or the creation of the Northern Mariana Retirement Fund Act of 1988, signed into law by Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio on April 3, 1989 and became effective on May 3, 1989.

This law created two classes of Fund members: Class 1 are those who were hired by the government after May 3, 1989, while Class II were hired prior to the act. This is the same law that created the board of trustees and administrator, and granted them powers and duties. It also defined membership, creditable, and vesting service.

Public Law 6-1 set the minimum annual pension of members at $1,200 until it was repealed by Public Law 8-31, which increased the minimum annual pension to $6,000.

Aguon

Another law, Public Law 13-60 or the Retirement Integrity Assurance Act, also brought major changes and impact to the retirement system, Aguon said. This law redefined salary to mean base salary and allowed Class 1 members to retire prior to age 62 and avoid the actuarially reduced benefit.

Aguon said this law also created a mechanism to repay the difference in contribution rates and reduced disability benefits to 50 percent.

In 2007, the Defined Benefit Plan Reform Act was created through Public Law 15-70, signed by Gov. Benigno Fitial into law and became effective on June 14, 2007.

It was this law that required all future benefit increases to first be ratified by referendum and for benefits to have dedicated sources of new funding. It will also allow no more refunds 15 years after being enacted.

Under the same law, COLA must be applied to the first $30,000 of pension and allowed for a lump-sum payment transition provision of five years from the effective date of the law.

Public Law 15-13, which created the Defined Contribution Plan Act of 2006, was also cited as one of the major legislation that impacted the retirement system. This law was signed by Fitial on June 2006 effective Jan. 1, 2007. This permitted the conversion of the defined benefit plan to the defined contribution plan on July 2007 to July 2008.

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Senate sets seven public hearings on status for NMI's alien workers

Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) has tentatively scheduled at least seven public hearings on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to gauge public opinion and recommendations for future long-term status of guest workers in the CNMI.

The first of these hearings will be held on Wednesday, June 23, at Koblerville Elementary School, from 6pm to 9pm.

Hofschneider, chairman of the Senate Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies, said upon the completion of the hearings, his committee will compile a report with suggested recommendations for submission to the U.S. Congress.

The public hearings will have at least five topics of discussion: The U.S. Department of the Interior's recommendation to grant long-term status to alien workers who have been legally residing in the CNMI for at least five years; alternative recommendations for long-term status of guest workers; future CNMI labor needs; social impacts on indigenous population; and other matters related to the CNMI guest worker population.

Hofschneider also invited Senate and House members to attend the public hearings.

Besides the June 23 hearing, Hofschneider's committee also scheduled six other hearings: June 30 (Saipan); July 7 (Saipan); July 14 (Tinian); July 21 (Rota); July 28 (Saipan); and July 30 (Saipan).

All these hearings will be held from 6pm to 9pm. The committee has yet to finalize the locations of the hearings. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

License renewals being accepted for sellers of alcoholic beverages

The Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Control Division is reminding licensed business establishments that applications for alcoholic beverage control license renewals are now being accepted.

Application forms may be obtained at the Department of Commerce at the Donni Hill Complex, Capital Hill Road, Pohnpei Street.

All licensed businesses on Rota and Tinian may pick up application forms from the resident department head at the departments of Commerce on Rota and Tinian. Application forms are also available online and may be downloaded at www.commerce.gov.mp.

The deadline for filing of renewal applications, including payment of fees, is on June 30, 2010. All licensees whose renewal fees remain unpaid as of June 30, 2010, will automatically be suspended. ***(DOC)***

ERRATUM

Monday's article about maïa temporarily leaving Tinian was mistakenly printed due to an error. She is not leaving in the foreseeable future and says she will continue to keep the Helping-Hands Books & Donation Center open as long as she can afford to do so.

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requests from EPA," the federal agency said in a statement.

The $140,000 EPA fine comes at a time when CUC is scrambling to find money to buy fuel to run its power plants, and to prevent a recurrence of rolling blackouts in 2008. ***(See related story)***

Abe Malae, assistant executive director of CUC, said CUC is working on the required reorganization plan right now.

In December, EPA also fined CUC $29,000 for failing to submit a satisfactory facility oil spill response plan.

These two fines—totaling $169,000—are only a tiny fraction of the over $4 million in penalties accrued by CUC as of February this year for failure to comply with the provisions of the stipulated orders despite regular notification from EPA of noncompliance with the orders.

The accrued penalty was only over $630,000 in October last year.

"They are just fines accumulating but we haven't been demanded to pay. We will just do what we can to prevent being overwhelmed by these requirements. …We don't have all the staff in place for all the work but we will do all we can," Malae told *Saipan Tribune* in a brief interview after a meeting with senators on Capital Hill yesterday morning.

Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) described the fine as "serious harassment" from EPA.

"In my view, it's a serious harassment, a federal intrusion. Instead of imposing fines on CUC, EPA should become a partner with CUC to address the highest priority, which is power. Without power, water and wastewater services will become worse," Reyes said.

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said CUC should take the EPA fines seriously.

"CUC should not put this aside. The fines should not be taken lightly," Manglona said.

Alexis Strauss, Water Division director for EPA's Pacific Southwest region, said in a statement yesterday that the plan, as CUC has acknowledged, "establishes the management and organizational foundation CUC will need to achieve and maintain compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act."

EPA said the order requires CUC to ensure lasting compliance through the reformation of CUC's management and operations, the development of a wastewater and drinking water master plan, development of financial plans, and the construction of water and wastewater infrastructure.

"EPA will continue to oversee CUC's implementation of these required improvements to bring long-needed environmental and public health gains to the islands," Strauss said.

The stipulated order also requires CUC to comply with its water discharge permits for the Agingan and Sadog Tasi wastewater plants, and to implement changes to prevent sewer overflows.

It similarly requires CUC to achieve compliance in its drinking water systems, which currently present a health risk to the public.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson signed the stipulated orders in March 2009, setting the requirements and deadlines for CUC to meet.

The orders represent the agreement between the CNMI and EPA on what CUC needs to do to meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. The stipulated orders also provide a roadmap for providing improved water and sewer services in the CNMI.

Stipulated Order 1 requires CUC to create a new management and financial structure of all aspects of CUC's operations. It is related to CUC's inadequacy in providing potable drinking water and wastewater services.

Stipulated Order 2 involves the lack of infrastructure for safe fuel storage, handling and transfer facilities of the power generation facilities, and power distribution, including possible environmental site cleanup.

This second order "requires CUC to prevent oil spills at its power plants and pipeline, to comply with oil spill regulations, prepare to respond to oil spills, and provide appropriate cleanup for past and future oil spills."

"Failure to meet requirements of either order could subject CUC to further penalties," EPA said yesterday.

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to become current. There's $2.2 million, plus at the end of this month, there will be another $1 million, approximately. The government bill runs about $1 million a month, and we want them to stay current," Warren told Saipan Tribune after meeting with senators on Capital Hill yesterday morning.

Warren confirmed that since the June 8 emergency declaration for the CNMI, the central government paid CUC an additional $1.5 million.

This was on top of the estimated $1.1 million payment made prior to June 8.

The $1.5 million in payments last week included $300,000 paid on June 8, and another $1.2 million made late last week.

The four payments brought down the government's past due accounts with CUC to just $2.2 million.

"From $4.8 million some three weeks ago, it's now down to $2.2 million," Malae told senators during a meeting yesterday.

The $2.2 million in past due account includes the utility billings for the central government, the Public School System, and Northern Marianas College.

Malae and Warren said the Fitial administration told them another payment will be made this week but the amount has yet to be determined.

This is consistent with acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos's statement on Monday that another $1 million will go CUC's way this week.

Inos said the central government is just waiting for a requested $2.5 million remittance from the Commonwealth Development Authority.

Special account

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) and Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) are mulling the creation of a special account in the Fiscal Year 2011 budget to be able to obligate millions of dollars to CUC for utility bills incurred by the government.

Reyes and Manglona said money set aside for CUC under such proposal should not be touched by the Department of Finance or reprogrammed by the governor for other programs. They said this will avoid resorting to emergency declarations to find money to be able to buy fuel for CUC.

Because the government has some $1 million in monthly utility bills, the special account that senators may create should have at least $12 million to cover one year of utility payments.

Manglona said the Legislature has no choice but to submit a balanced budget that takes into account CUC billings. Fitial proposes a $132 million budget for FY 2011.

Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) and other senators said it is unfair that CUC cuts utility services to customers with less than $50 or $100 in past due accounts, but allows the government to incur millions of unpaid billings without disconnecting services.

Ayuyu also urged CUC to work with the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee, chaired by Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), on the FY 2011 budget to ensure that money is appropriated for government utility payments.

Other senators present at the meeting were Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Taimanao, Sen. Francisco Cruz (R-Tinian), Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), and Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Saipan). Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) also attended the meeting.

'CDA cooperating with administration'

CDA executive director Manuel Sablan clarified yesterday that the $2.5 million that the governor asked CDA to remit to the central government is not for reimbursement of CDA administrative and utilities expenses paid by the central government.

"This is from unobligated or uncommitted CIP [capital improvement projects] funds; they have nothing to do with operational costs. We pay CUC regularly," Sablan told Saipan Tribune.

Sablan said the governor asked CDA to look into unobligated or uncommitted CIP money funded under bond interests. He said CDA has yet to clarify the source of these unobligated funds—whether under a $140 million or a $60 million bond.

"CDA is in the process of reviewing these unobligated funds. We are working with CIP office's Vicky Villagomez on this. We want to make it clear that CDA is cooperating with the administration to identify funds that can be used to pay CUC and to meet emergency declaration requirements," Sablan added.

Fitial also requested the Department of Public Lands last week to remit money to the central government.

Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta remitted $2.5 million to the central government to reimburse it for administrative and utilities costs incurred by DPL but paid by the central government. The administration used $1.2 million of this amount to pay CUC.

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of a 20-foot container containing a 55-gallon drum of hazardous material.

The Seattle-based ERTI was hired to conduct the exercise, which is designed to test the CNMI, military, and federal agencies in responding, coordinating, and mitigating weapons of mass destruction.

Mark Beirne, president of Emergency Response Training Institute, told Saipan Tribune yesterday that the responders were doing well based on his initial observation.

Beirne, who acted as an FBI agent, said investigators were looking into the possibility that the car explosion in Koblerville and the discovery of the hazardous material at the seaport were related.

He said the five "survivors" in the Koblerville explosion who were taken to the Commonwealth Health Center were interrogated.

Beirne said it would possibly be known today, Wednesday, whether the "survivors" were "the bad guys or the good guys."

Press secretary Angel Demapan said a new briefing, originally set for yesterday afternoon, was canceled until possibly this morning, Wednesday. Demapan said they want to hold the press conference at the end of the exercise because they don't want to give away information about an upcoming event.

As of 2pm yesterday, Demapan said the seaport had been cleared of hazardous material.

He said the Department of Public Safety's Tactical Response Enforcement Team was activated at 9am yesterday after receiving "intelligence" from the Federal Bureau of Investigation about a suspicious container at the seaport. Demapan said that team members identified the source of the chemical as radiological.

Several local and federal law enforcement agencies acted to secure the seaport.

DPS' TRET members and local authorities also responded to a "car explosion" in Koblerville that occurred near an abandoned house at the corner of Adobu Drive next to Noah Water Tank.

The seven "victims," including two "dead," were brought to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Demapan said the Department of Public Health activated its field hospital at CHC's parking lot because of "contamination." A mass decontamination system was put up in the parking lot.

Demapan said the Marianas Visitors Authority inquired whether any tourist was among the victim, but that authorities said it's still unknown.

At 10:50am, the Saipan Department of Homeland Security notified the Guam National Guard about the two "incidents."

The Saipan Weapons of Mass Destruction responders assessed the Koblerville and seaport sites.

As of yesterday afternoon, Guam's National Guard's Civil Support Team members were still in Koblerville, trying to identify what type of hazardous materials were involved.

Capt. Ken Ola of the Guam National Guard said the exercise is very valuable because it provides training opportunities for all CST units.

Ola, who is the public affairs officer for the Guam National Guard, said that under the scenario, CST units from Hawaii, Alaska and Utah will also come and assist in the investigation.

Saipan cuts generation capacity to boost Rota power supply

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. slightly reduced the capacity of one of its power plants on Saipan to help augment the power generation needs of Rota. CUC expects to save more than $70,000 on its monthly operational costs with this effort.

CUC assistant executive director Abe Utu Malae said two engines at Saipan's Power Plant 4 were transferred to Rota for its temporary use. This leaves the plant with seven engines and reduces the amount of power being produced by 4 megawatts.

He said it was critical to boost Rota's capacity because its two existing engines are operating below par. The engines are expected to remain on Rota until the end of the year when two new engines are expected to be in place.

CUC has already received funding from federal agencies to buy the needed engines for Rota but Malae said it will take awhile before this happens as the contract has yet to be awarded.

Once the two new engines are commissioned, possibly in November, CUC will decide whether to retain the two engines from Power Plant 4 on Rota or return them to Saipan, according to Malae.

When asked if the transfer of the two engines won't affect power generation on Saipan, Malae assured that Power Plant 4 is stable at the moment.

As of today, Saipan's power plants are producing a total of 56.8 MW of power, with a peak load of 44MW, he said.

"We reduced the capacity at Power Plant 4 by 4 MW, but it is okay for now. It is more critical to have the capacity on Rota," he said.

Malae disclosed that one reason for moving the engines from Power Plant 4 to Rota was the "too high" cost of buying energy from the Rota Resort.

"The cost of purchasing energy from Rota Resort is too high," he said. "That's the primary consideration. But excellent reliability goes only so far when you don't have enough cash to pay for it and you don't have enough cash when you sell electricity for less than it costs to buy it from the supplier."

Saipan Tribune learned that, although there are three engines available on Rota, only the recently overhauled one supplies power to the island's two feeders. CUC plans to overhaul or replace the two other units.

CUC said it is determined to meet customers' demand for a reliable power service that is of high quality and has fair value. After fixing the problems at its power plants, CUC plans to work on "green power" or alternative energy sources.

Fund found liable to pay retiree's disability benefits

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The Superior Court has found the NMI Retirement Fund liable to pay for the disability benefits of a retiree who had sued the Fund and its board of trustees for refusing to give him his benefits.

In a 20-page order issued yesterday, Associate Judge David A. Wiseman reversed the Fund administrator's decision to deny Michael P. Cody's application for benefits and ordered the Fund to pay Cody a disability annuity in the amount of 66 2/3 percent of his salary retroactive to Dec. 31, 2007.

The judge determined that Cody has satisfied all of the necessary requirements to show proof of his disability.

"Petitioner is a Class II member of the Fund since he was hired prior to May 7, 1989, and did not elect to become a Class I member," Wiseman said.

He said Cody has met the requirements of Public Law 13-60 by showing that two licensed physicians both found him to be totally and permanently disabled.

P.L. 13-60 required that a disability applicant get a written certification by two physicians and a vocational rehabilitation counselor.

Cody sued the Fund through the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc.

Cody was employed in March 1989 as a civil service employee of the CNMI. He is a Class 11 member of the Fund because he was a Fund member prior to May 7, 1989, and did not elect to become a Class I member.

In July 2007, the Fund administrator denied Cody's applications for disability retirement. Cody appealed and subsequently filed the lawsuit after no decision was made on his appeal.

The Fund, through counsel James Hollman, argued that Cody is a Class I member, who has failed to meet the requirements for receiving disability.

In his order, Wiseman said that Public Law 6-17, effective May 7, 1989, created two classes of fund members: those employees hired on or after May 7, 1989 (Class 1 members) and those hired prior to May 7, 1989 (Class II members).

Revocation of probation affirmed in case of woman in fake money scam

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has affirmed the federal court's decision to revoke the probation of a woman who was convicted in a counterfeiting case and violated her probation by using methamphetamine or "ice."

The Ninth Circuit judges said their independent review of the record in the case against Kisha Lyn Masga King discloses no arguable grounds for relief in direct appeal.

In April 2009, King pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to utter counterfeit obligations and securities, and three counts of passing counterfeit obligations.

In June 2009, Munson sentenced King to a three-year probation. The U.S. Probation Office later moved to revoke the probation after King tested positive for "ice" use.

King admitted the violation, prompting Munson in September 2009 to revoke her probation and ordered her to spend nine months in prison.

King appealed to the Ninth Circuit. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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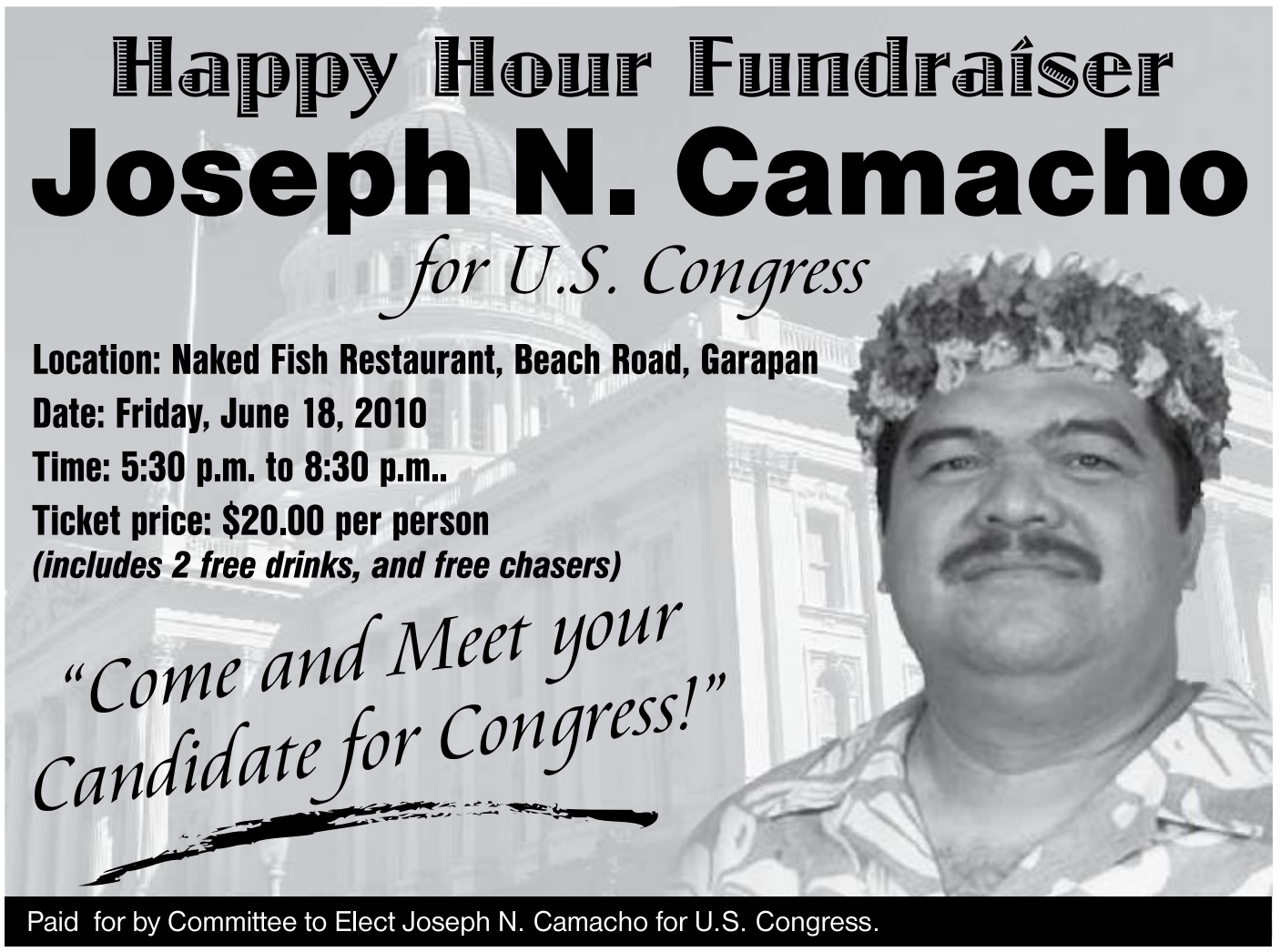
Public library sets late operation hours to increase access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By DENCIO MANGLONA
STUDENT INTERN

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will be adjusting its operation hours to open at a later time as a means to better serve older members of the Saipan community. JKPL will open at 11am and close at 7pm instead of its usual 9am to 5pm schedule. The pilot period begins today and every Wednesday thereafter.

Gonzales

This change is one of the attempts the library is making to become more accessible to all potential patrons. "We actually received a few suggestions, recommendations from patrons—mostly single parents who want to avail of the library services and collections," said Library director John Oliver Gonzales.

Gonzales said the new hours make the library more accessible for parents and other individuals who are going to school while working. "Some of these parents attend night school, and so they would like a place for them to come and avail of the research facilities we have…and even do manual research with the thousands we have in our collection and at the same time their kids can come and read books while they are studying."

Despite this change in hours, Gonzales believes the library will still have the same level of accessibility for its younger patrons. "Actually, the young adults would prefer coming to the library later in the morning because it's the summer and they enjoy sleeping in… they wake up 9, 10 o'clock, they freshen up, and they come to the library."

The pilot period will continue as long as it is sustainable and, based on current projections, this change will not increase library funding costs.

In addition to adjusting its hours, a recently renovated section of the library will soon be available for public use. "We are enclosing the last open space of the library…and transforming it into a VTC and arts center. It's a video conference area and an arts center. We want to offer this facility to any NGO, non-profit organization, or any government agency for that matter. It is a facility will have the capability to conduct meetings video conference-wise so that they don't have to stretch funds to fly over to Rota or Tinian," according to Gonzales.

The video conference area was set up by the Department of Public Works using library-provided materials and will be completed this week. The library is currently waiting on certain teleconference hardware.

"We are a public library and we respond to the needs of the people," said Gonzales.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

THE FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SERVICES GROUP, INC., Plaintiff, -v- RAMON T. METTAO and SURINE N. METTAO, Defendants.	]]]]]]]]	CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0142 NOTICE OF SALE

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/s/ Michael A. White, Auctioneer

Search on for two mariners missing near A. Samoa

HONOLULU—A U.S. Coast Guard aircrew from Air Station Barbers Point diverted an HC-130 Hercules aircraft to assist in a search for two mariners that went missing 925 miles northwest of American Samoa, Monday.

Watchstanders at the Coast Guard Joint Rescue Coordination Center received a report at 11am Sunday, about the distressed crew of the fishing vessel Majestic Blue. The reporting source aboard the sister ship Pacific Breeze claimed that the Majestic Blue sank and they rescued 22 fishermen of the 24-man crew.

No injuries have been reported.

The crewmembers aboard the-HC-130 is the same rescue team that took part in a 1,800 nautical mile search Sunday for a mariner who went missing after being separated from his fishing party.

The cause of the Majestic Blue's sinking in currently under investigation. No additional details were immediately available. ***(PR)***

'Labor no jurisdiction in complaint of permanent resident'

Department of Labor's administrative hearing officer Barry Hirshbein has ruled that Labor has no jurisdiction over a complaint filed by a permanent resident who claimed her employer unlawfully terminated her.

"A plain reading of the law limits the jurisdictional claims permitted to be adjudicated by the Administrative Hearing Office. The claims in this case are beyond that jurisdiction," said Hirshbein in dismissing Nina E. Braganza's complaint against Island Supply International Inc.

Hirshbein noted that there is a significant issue of law in this case regarding the jurisdiction of the Hearing Office in cases of "local" preference.

Because of the issue of law, the hearing officer asked Braganza and Island Supply, through their respective counsels, to brief the issue.

Hirshbein said Braganza is a lawful permanent resident and is qualified as a "local" hire as defined by CNMI law and is an at-will employee without a contract.

Hirshbein said the question is whether the hearing office has jurisdiction to adjudicate questions related to Braganza's termination of her employment.

Hirsbein said Section 4528 (a) states that: A citizen, CNMI permanent resident, or U.S. permanent resident who is qualified for a job may make a claim for damages if an employer has not met the requirements of Section 4525, the employer rejects an application for the job without just cause, and the employer employs a person who is not a citizen, CNMI permanent resident, or U.S. permanent resident for the job."

He said the administrative hearing office is granted jurisdiction over violations of only the job preference and workforce participation by local workers.

Hirshbein said Section 4528(f) provides that the hearing officer is authorized to award actual and liquidated damages in an amount up to six months' wages for the job for which a citizen, CNMI permanent resident, or U.S. permanent resident applied.

"The damages allowed relate to employment for which a local applicant applied and was denied," he said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

NMC seeks new lawyer to handle Fernandez lawsuit

The Northern Marianas College is looking for a new lawyer who will represent it and its Board of Regents in the lawsuit filed by former president Dr. Carmen Fernandez.

The college opened the bidding for litigation and legal counseling services on Monday, June 13; it will be accepting applications until July 14.

Board of Regents member Andrew Orsini, who chairs the board's personnel committee, told *Saipan Tribune* that the hiring of a new counsel is being done in advance of court summons.

In a statement from NMC yesterday, it said the published request for proposal for litigation and legal counseling services is to assist in urgent, legal matters that require immediate attention.

Jesus Borja remains as NMC's legal counsel, according to the statement, and will continue to provide legal guidance and advice to the college.

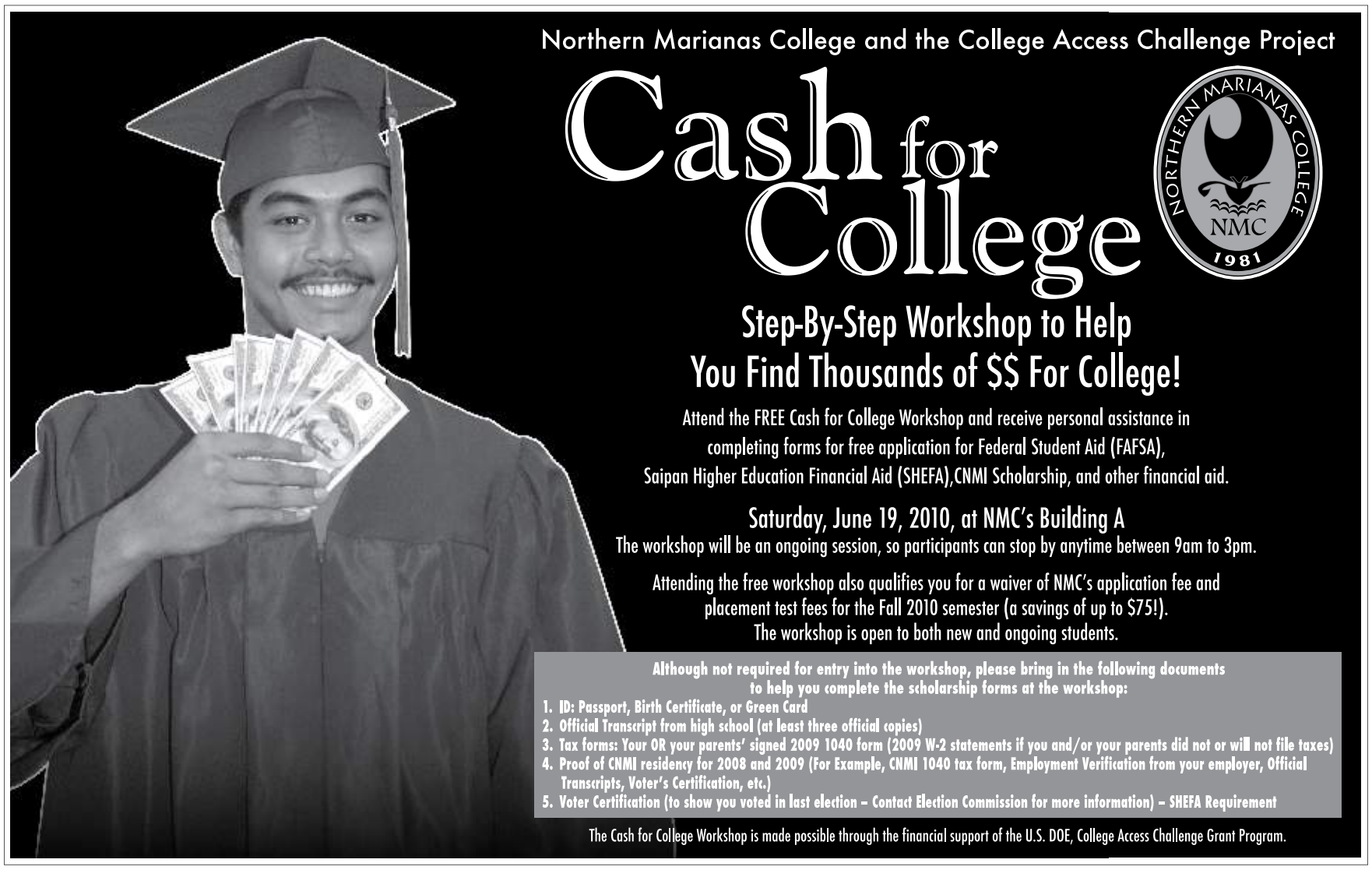
Borja did not participate in the process leading to the suspension and termination of Fernandez. At that time, the board tapped the services of the Guam-based law firm Cabot Mantanona for this.

Fernandez was terminated on April 12, exactly three months after being suspended. She then sued the college and four of its regents—chair Janet King, Orsini, Frank Rabauliman, and vice chair Maria Paz Younis—for wrongful termination and defamation.

Besides Orsini, no other members have issued any comments on Fernandez's lawsuit.

All seven members of the board, as well interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera, are currently off island for their two-day conference and board retreat in Hawaii.

They are expected to be back on island this week to prepare for the lawsuit. ***(Moneth Deposa)***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DPH GETS $185.3M BUDGET IN 5 YEARS

Public Health posts $18 million deficit

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REPORTER

The Department of Public Health received over $185 million from the CNMI government in the last five fiscal years, including $8.8 million in Compact Impact funds for the same period.

However, the department's overall expenditures from fiscal years 2005 through 2009 actually reached $203.8 million, reflecting a deficit of $18.4 million.

Records provided by the agency show that in Fiscal Year 2005, the agency was allotted $39.8 million, based on the continuing resolution level. The amount included the net of adjustments and cuts as well as the transfer of $3.7 million in Compact Impact funds that was used to pay for personnel cost. In the same period, the department registered $40.5 million in actual expenses for operation and personnel.

DPH received the highest local appropriation in Fiscal Year 2006, amounting to $41.2 million. Compact Impact funds during this period totaled $1.4 million, which was deducted against personnel cost to decrease the deficit. However, total expenses still reached $41.2 million.

The downward slide in the department's annual budget began in Fiscal Year 2007, when its annual appropriation reached just $37.7 million, including $1.4 million in Compact Impact funds. Overall expenditures that same year reached $41 million.

The following year, the agency suffered a severe cut in its budget, getting only $33.7 million; Compact Impact money totaled $1.2 million. Despite cost-cutting measures, the agency operated in deficit throughout the fiscal year, posting $39.4 million in total expenses.

Last fiscal year, 2009, the department's budget continued to drop, getting just $32.7 million. Compact Impact funds totaled $1.1 million in the same period, and the money was mainly used to cover the salary of personnel.

The department's deficit last fiscal year came in at $8.7 million after it posted a total of $41.5 million expenses during the 12-month period.

Esther Muna, the acting deputy secretary for hospital administration, said yesterday that the Compact Impact funding is the only thing helping the department reduce its annual deficit.

The department remains in a state of emergency due to its limited workforce as a result of the lack of funding and difficulty in hiring qualified individuals for various positions at the Commonwealth Health Center.

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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 16, 1999

Marpi landfill to be completed in 2000

The CNMI government yesterday moved closer in closing the Puerto Rico Dump site with the appointment of Hawaii-based consulting firm Harding Lawson Associates to carry out the design of a new landfill in Marpi and develop an island-wide solid waste management plan. Among the various tasks given to the company include conducting an analysis of the waste currently being taken to Puerto Rico dumpsite, implementing a year-long education campaign, drawing up a conceptual design of waste energy and recycling facilities and also designing the transfer stations that will eventually replace Puerto Rico. George T.S. How, vice president of HLA, has pledged to fast-track the project but the federal regulations which required the submission of technical plans and permits have been taking so much of their time.

Lack of funds should not compromise health care

Despite limited resources, hospitals in various islands in the Pacific can still provide adequate health care as long as priorities are clearly defined and government leaders make a commitment to ensure that there's a substantial budget on public health, said Kathleen L. Fritsch, a nurse educator and consultant in the World Health Organization. For the past years the 10 Pacific Islands have been experiencing similar problems such as limited quantity of supplies, lack of adequate resources and management leadership. "You have to clearly define what you need and submit a coherent proposal to management. They have to know that without this, we won't run a safe health care system," Fritsch told delegates of the American Pacific Nursing Leaders Council Conference.

June 16, 2000

Senate skips moratorium on garment licenses

The moratorium on new licenses and the attrition scheme put in place by the government on the garment manufacturing industry will not be lifted under the Senate's amendment to the Omnibus Labor and Business Reform bill. This was the consensus reached between the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic, Development and Programs and Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association at the continuation of their meeting yesterday. Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes, who also chairs the committee, said they agreed to keep the ban on issuance of new license or sale of existing permit for garment factories on Saipan.

NMC pushes for computer courses for locals

Striving to equip local talents with expertise in computer programming and network technology, the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents yesterday carried a motion to implement a technology-oriented program for the benefit of current and potential career professionals. Disappointed with the lack of computer literate among locals, BOR member Manny Sablan said NMC should seriously look into developing more computer-related courses at the college. Member Vince Seman echoed Mr. Sablan's views, citing it is about time that the CNMI aim to be at par with other nations in acquiring globally competitive jobs particularly in the field of computers.

June 16, 2004

CUC: Govt payments up but still behind

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said its collection from the central government was up $1.75 million in April compared with the same period last year. However, the government is still behind its payment schedule. "Although collections from the government are ahead of last year, government payments are less than current billings," said CUC acting comptroller Ed Williams in a report. He noted that, as soon as CUC advised the government last April of disconnection of accounts, the government asked the court for a temporary restraining order. The petition was granted. The TRO remains in effect until Sept. 1, 2004.

Economist to look into CNMI's business portfolio

In preparation for the upcoming Secretary's Conference on Business Opportunities in the Islands in Los Angeles, the Office of the Interior Secretary will be sending an economist to look into the CNMI's investment portfolio and potential. Office of Insular Affairs resident director Jeff Schorr said Tomas Kandl, a graduate of Wharton School of Business, would be on Saipan beginning Thursday to meet with business people in the Commonwealth. Kandl is also scheduled to meet with Gov. Juan N. Babauta on Friday to tackle other business opportunities available to potential investors and the feasibility of putting up diverse business in the CNMI.

Insular areas set to move forward with green energy plans

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Tony Babauta applauded American Samoa Gov. Togiola Tulafono for his recent signing of an executive order creating the American Samoa Renewable Energy Committee. The ASREC will work to develop and implement a strategic renewable energy plan for the territory.

Tulafono's signing completes the informal commitment reached in Denver, Colorado in early March 2010, where Tulafono, Guam Gov. Felix Camacho, and CNMI Gov. Benigno Fitial participated in a conference at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory convened by Babauta. The conference exposed the governors' to the nation's premiere renewable energy experts, informing them of the importance in developing a strategic renewable energy plan for each territory.

"I am very pleased that all Pacific territories now have the structures and necessary leadership in place to develop informed and unique visions, specific to each island, which will reduce the use of imported fuels and maximize indigenous sources of energy," said Babauta.

"For the foreseeable future, the use and dependence on foreign fossil fuels will continue to be necessary for all islands, however indigenous energy can help defray the burden on current systems. There is a smart way to implement technological advancements in renewables and it begins with a strategic plan," added Babauta.

Babauta will now move forward with the U.S. Department of Energy to formalize an interagency agreement to utilize the experts of NREL to work with each island's renewable energy committee to create long-term strategic energy plans. NREL's preliminary assessment is estimated to cost nearly $1 million, which will be funded by the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs. NREL experts will begin their work this summer. ***(DOI)***

NMC-CREES sets training on proper use of pesticides

The Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service program and the Division of Environmental Quality will be sponsoring a workshop geared toward educating the public on the use of restricted pesticides.

The Ornamental and Turf Pesticide Workshop is designed for commercial pest control applicators that commonly use restricted pest control substances. Some of the most common commercial establishments who require such pesticides are plant nurseries, landscapers, golf courses, and hotels.

Workshop presentations will focus on the principles of pest control, weed science, the disease triangle, pest biology, laws and regulations, environment, loading and transportation, and pesticide label and math calibration.

Participants are encouraged to attend, complete all training courses, and pass examinations to ensure eligibility for purchase and use of such restricted pesticides.

The workshop will be held at the Saipan Grand Hotel on June 22 to 25 from 8:30am to 4:30pm on each day. Registration fee is $20.

For more information, contact Arnold Route at the NMC CREES office at 234-5498 ext. 1432 or Reina Camacho at DEQ at 664-8505. ***(PR)***

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Innovation gives parents more control over teen drivers

Parenting is a long process of letting go. It starts with that first day of school, and it's never more apparent than at graduation, as many moms and dads can attest this time of year.

But in between is an American rite of passage so exhilarating for teens and terrifying for parents that there is no greater challenge to the child-parent peace process. We speak of turning 16 and having access to an automobile.

Parents can set all the rules they want, but teens know that once the keys are in their hands and home is in the rearview mirror, they are free. Parents have to trust that teens will go where they say they are going and behave the way they promise to behave.

But Ford Motor Co. is giving Mom and Dad just a little more control. In a 50-city safety tour this summer, Ford is touting innovations to make driving safer, and none offer more peace of mind than the MyKey software available in about half of all Ford vehicles.

When you sign on the dotted line, you're given two keys to that new Mustang. With one, the adult key, you can program the software to do several things aimed at reducing driver distractions for the user of the other key.

For example, the radio can be muted until all seatbelts are fastened. The volume of the radio can be limited. Top speeds can be capped at 80 mph.

It's up to the parents to choose the limitations they want. There's even a way to keep Junior from peeling out, believe it or not.

A Harris poll found that kids aren't nuts about this, but they are willing to accept the constraints if it means parents are more likely to give them access to a car.

And so, the great push and pull continues: teenage freedom vs. parental control. Score this round for the parents.

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Financial literacy and banks

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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When faced with *man'amko* years, financial security comes to fore and I realize I do not have one, or rather, I skipped the security part in life's school of hard knocks. I assumed that I would *travail* (to travel and to work hard) until I dropped. My daughter described this once, "Dad in his old age will be protesting against one of what he perceives to be a public policy blunder, perhaps along Roxas Boulevard, but he will not be fast enough to avoid a speeding truck, so his guts will be spilled all over the pavement, slurped clean by the neighborhood ferals and marauding canines, flushed down the gutter into the sewer by the monsoon rains, remembered vaguely for a short while." My daughter with the graphic imagination and, ah, strange loyalty and devotion!

I shudder at the thought of my daughter's projection of Roxas Boulevard be replaced by Beach Road on Saipan. In this case, a more plausible scene is a partially inebriated guy on an SUV driving into a bank's ATM to replenish poker arcade money, and in his haste, backs off too quickly, too fast, and runs my bike, leaving me at the mercy of, yes, ferals and boonie dogs, and the monsoon water runoff! At least, I would be lagoon-bound since there ain't no sewers! It's not imagination at work here. The initial part of the scene recently played out at a parking lot in San Antonio before a nervous audience.

A lady who regularly walks for exercise with a friend around a building with a bank's ATM was run down and rendered unconscious on the parking lot Friday night, requiring ambulance assistance. The driver of the pickup emblazoned with *Tao Tao* hurriedly tried to pull the lady up, as he seemed to be in a hurry, and when she couldn't, nor could consciously respond to his questions, he finally cried: "Does she work? Does she have a permit? Does she have an I.D.?", as if it would diminish the offense, or exonerate the driver of possible homicide, were she an unemployed foreigner!

I looked at the working class at the grounds of the *Pistang Pinoy* Sunday and wondered if any of the *masa* on whom we rely so much for menial and clerical labor has the luxury of thinking beyond three months' worth of paychecks (if even that), or have retirement surety at the end of their employ.

I had not been burdened by the anxiety of protecting inherited assets in my family line. My Dad is remembered for saying, "The only real estate I will bequeath will be the soil retained on the sole of my *tsinelas* [slippers]." He kept his promise. We appreciate his favor when we witness adversarial cousins adjudicate differences re real estate left behind by well-intentioned parents through the courts. We follow in father's footsteps.

I always trusted my survival skills and the methodological hand-me-downs of my parent's God-has-provided-talents-you-can-use mindset. I wonder how anyone handles their future with integrity and without apology for taking bread out of the mouth of their grandchildren? I have 21 more years to go on my journey!

Survival of our ego-centered system runs deep. *"It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own self-interest,"* wrote Adam Smith. *"We address ourselves, not to their humanity but to their self-love, and never talk to them of our own necessities but of their advantages."*

Post-Adam Smith, the American and French revolutions, and other paradigm shifts have since awakened us to an economy-centered system, evolving a social conscience, and a sensitivity to the interrelatedness and interdependence of life to life. Still, and sadly, we abstract ourselves into financial units and determine individual worth in monetary terms, rather than as dynamic, interacting, associating, relating humans. We have expanded the base into the alliance of elites, or the meritorious oligarchy of experts, but if we are short on social justice, we are negligent in planetary sustainability.

In the nosy query "What do you do?" is the curiosity of worth. We pay accountants more than we do social workers because the former understands the financial literacy necessary to navigate the abstracted safe deposits that tells who we are. Money has become a symbol of accumulated selfhood abstracted as personal power and worth.

We deposit or lend accumulated selfhood in institutions called banks. Those with land and other material assets append their market value and use it as a collateral in financial transactions. The record of my accumulated selfhood is digitized in two Hawaii-based banks and being indifferent to various credit institutions, I have been relegated to the unworthy realm.

Being cavalier about credit ratings cost my last transaction 29 percent annual interest. After automatic payment service ceased with my employ, and incidence of two tardy payments in a year sent my file to Collection. Tempted to hand over the vehicle that collateralized the loan, I decided to liquidate instead. Now I travel first class on a Schwinn bike!

Financial savvy is not part of our public school curriculum, but it would be if Math classes related more to trips to the bank rather than on memorized textbook abstractions. But what do I know. I am only a Social Studies teacher. Maybe Tony Pellegrino at the Trade Institute will do better.

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OF CURMUDGEONS AND CUTTHROATS

The funny things that customers do No. 2

Welcome back to Tales from the Walt Vault, stories of the funny-humorous and funny-strange things that customers and clients do. *(No. 1 in the series appeared in* Saipan Tribune, *April 14, 2010)*

'Wrong,' said Fred

First, a little background for this tale. As mentioned in a previous column , I have a Web site called FreeSummerConcerts.com, which, for the past six years, has listed and e-mailed to tens of thousands of subscribers an ongoing calendar of the free summer concerts happening in New York City. Last week, after sending out the e-mail blast, I received the following e-mail from "Fred" concerning a specific concert presented by the popular Central Park Summerstage Organization.

Fred: "*John Butler and State Radio" [the name of the artists] is a benefit concert for Summerstage. Not free. You'll find a handful of these shows on the Summerstage calendar.*

I wrote back:

Walt: *Yep, that is correct. If you read the full detailed listing for that event, you'll find the benefit concert info. Even though they [the benefit concerts] are not free, I list them for the same reason Summerstage presents them: to generate funds to help keep the rest of the events free! Thanks for the feedback!*

I didn't want Fred to think I was ungrateful for his feedback, so, to acknowledge that he was indeed justified in pointing out the inconsistency, I added:

Walt*: p.s. I'll modify the opening statement [of the weekly e-mail which reads] "The following FREE Concerts are taking place in the next few days in NY" in the next mailing. Thanks!*

Fred wrote back:

Fred: *I read the description. I was wondering if your* [*sic*] *had. It's misleading because your Web site is called Free Summer Concerts.*

Now, was it just me, or do you detect a little "attitude" in Fred's e-mail voice? So, after thinking about it for a while, and to add a little levity to the exchange, I wrote back:

Walt: *Now, don't take that tone of voice with me, young man! Or I'll refund your money and…, oh, waitaminit—*

Get it? It's a free service. That was a little sarcastic joke on my part. At this point, Fred was supposed to chuckle at himself, and we both would agree that his level of seriousness and complaining was way out of line given that he'd signed up to a free service, created as a free labor of love, to promote free concerts. And, my decision to include a not-so-free concert here and there shouldn't cause him to get so bent out of shape.

Fred wrote back:

Fred: *Please unsubscribe me*

Ooops. Guess I lost one. Seems Fred wasn't amused.

So, anyway, what have we learned today, boys and girls?

1. People will do what people will do.

2. Sarcasm, or perhaps simply my brand of it, may not translate well in e-mails.

3. For someone who joined a free event service (presumably) to have fun, Fred's got absolutely no sense of humor!

Definitions:

■ **curmudgeon.** *noun.* a bad-tempered, difficult, cantankerous person.
■ **sic** = the Latin word for "thus," or "such;" in other words, the misspelling appeared thus in the original e-mail.]

Charlie the Chiseler

A few years ago, I agreed to help a coaching client convert an existing business manual he had found into an e-book in order to make sales online. I reserved the domain name, designed the site, enabled the e-commerce account, hosted the site free of charge on my server, fulfilled the orders manually as necessary, and dealt with customer service issues (refunds, download difficulties, etc.)

I promoted the site on the search engines, and after several months, our Google rank was steadily improving, our sales were increasing, and we were earning about $900/month. We had agreed to split the proceeds three ways—between the original author, Charlie, and myself.) Things were going well.

Hand me a chisel

Then suddenly, two years into the arrangement, without notice, reason, or explanation, Charlie decided to cut me out of the partnership. It started with a request (prompted, he said, by his lawyer's advice) to transfer ownership of the domain name to his name. Then came his unannounced changing of the passwords to the e-commerce and e-mail accounts.

I was able to observe and save copies of the e-mails chronicling the entire goings on—with backroom deals, money exchanging hands with new partners, and attempted character assassination—as Charlie plotted behind my back, because he was using the shared access e-mail account to communicate with his cohorts!

Charlie continued to (and still does) use the site I created, along with the graphics I designed, the e-book I proofed and edited, as well as the Google ranking I was able to achieve, and continues to sell the book without any compensation to me, or, at the very least of courtesies, any explanation as to why he decided to end the partnership.

In response, I've simply walked away, for it profits me not to work with individuals who don't share the same level of trust, respect and courtesy with which I conduct my affairs.

One adviser suggested I take legal action. However, there was no written contract in our gentleman's agreement. As a general rule, I don't do contracts. I figure if I have to force a person to act ethically (especially in such a simple low-stakes agreement) with a piece of paper, then this is not someone I really want to do business with.

My personal philosophy is that I don't chase money. Money chases me. The amount of mental, physical and emotional energy required to force people to pay something they don't want to pay is simply not worth it to me. That energy could be better used to create something more lasting and that generates money that is free of negative energy, and given grudgingly, with resentment and ill-will. (I give that same advice to my friends seeking child support or alimony from former spouses. What if he/she simply wasn't around for you to chase for cash? You'd have to create your own income, anyway, wouldn't you? So just skip the battle, and go straight for the glory.)

In a future edition of this series, I'll share the story of the $7,000 small claims court victory I won over a video producer who tried to blackmail me for more money than we had agreed upon, and the "glory" of national media exposure I achieved by creating my own rather than giving in to his extortion.

The soul proprietor

But what about justice, Walt, you ask? Well, in reality, our "justice" system dispenses punishment and money, not justice. Money is not justice, it is merely compensation. However, for those who need a little karmic footnote to this story, I'll share this with you. In one revealing e-mail between Charlie and his new partner-in-the-chisel shortly after the split, Charlie mentioned that sales were down 50 percent since cutting me out of the partnership.

You see, I believe that products sell and businesses thrive because of the sustained focused creative energy of the people behind it. Withdrawing that creative force from a business or project is like removing its soul.

So, what have we learned from *this* tale from the Walt Vault, boys and girls?

1. People will do what people will do.

2. Justice is a natural process of balance that doesn't need to be enforced with a piece of paper, and works well if you have the patience.

3. Fred in New York still has no sense of humor.

Definitions:

■ **cutthroat.** *noun*. An unprincipled, ruthless person.
■ **chisel**. *verb*. to cheat or swindle (someone): *He chiseled me out of $50.*

Stay tuned for more exciting gems from the Walt Vault, and, in the meantime, go for the glory!

THE SAIPANPRENEUR PROJECT *Creating economic success for the CNMI*

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Two-headed corn snake's back

In recent past, we slaughtered a single-headed corn snake named "casino." But the crawler has returned only this time with two heads. Peddlers of this destructive beast are out selling their pet and its arcane tricks in search of the very elusive vote of confidence from the governed. Interesting their amnesiac mindset that bravely ignores the voice of the people who've soundly rejected casino gambling for Saipan, twice!

Questions about lasting solutions to our perennial bouts with loss of investment confidence instantly translate into revenue generation losses that come into full view for critical scrutiny. We refuse to buckle down to do our homework. Would quick fixes provide the lasting answer to this recurring phenomenon to defray the spiraling cost of basic public services? Is it a sustainable economic paradigm for these isles?

Have casino peddlers commissioned and secured a study that confirms the complementary role and positive infusion of funds from this industry? Or is this view perceptual at best, being peddled by tired and washed-out politicians who need new hobbies? Do they have the requisite credentials to peddle their bamboo reed turbo jet? Or is this the return of the instant soba mindset because we refuse to put in an honest day's work employing the long thoughtful process to plan for our future?

It may be beneficial to review the position taken by the Aloha State that quickly shut down casino gambling for cultural reasons. In other words, she isn't ready to compromise her world-famous Polynesian cultural traditions. Not when it includes the assimilation of her young pupils and college students into the tourism industry. All things considered, I refuse the simple acquiescence of building a freeway to permanent cultural ruination. Didn't we already lose immigration control? Is cultural annihilation next on your half-cocked wish list?

The return of the vicious corn snake brings back memories of how we have rejected and vilified prospective indigenous entrepreneurs in their plight to use the Fishing Base area for their collective purposes. The usual argument is economics, a very degrading paradigm, against our simple folks at home who earnestly yearn to make something for themselves and their immediate community. But we aren't ready to listen to their aspirations for there's the preference to grant it to foreign investors. It's a reaffirmation of our refusal to grant our people opportunities to trailblaze entrepreneurship. We must veer off our comfort zone and eradicate this highly regressive political mindset. Investment as we know it must shift so it begins the sturdy process of indigenous assimilation into the private sector, proactively. Their venture depicts traditional lifestyle that has lasted through generations over quick fixes. Continued denial of their quest to begin anew is a tale of how leadership sees them in condescension. In short, there's the obvious lack of trust that however small and humble a beginning, the central issue is the investment and development of our very own people right here at home.

If the island is such a hot spot for casino, why didn't MGM and other casino titans come to Saipan? They are all in Macau fully established and rolling right now! They know that the proximity of their operations sits next to more than 1.3 billion people out of which some 100,000 turn into millionaires and billionaires annually. All they need is a 30-minute luxury ferry trip to unload portions of their newly amassed wealth. Would they venture a trip here where super thunderbird services are nonexistent?

Macau's Napoleonic casino investor, Stanley Ho, was here in the early '80s in his private jet. He visited Rota, Tinian and Saipan perhaps on an exploratory trip to feel what's going on and whether a casino industry is feasible and capable of thriving here. However, he never came back. Otherwise he would have sunk a healthy sum of his wealth right here in paradise. Too, Steve Wynn, a Vegas casino titan, is opening another venue in Macau's Cotai area, slated to open in three year's time. Sands Casino just opened a multi-billion dollar facility in highly regulated Singapore. Why isn't Ho, Wynn and other casino titans here?

It isn't difficult discerning that we don't have the warm and financially wealthy bodies to support this industry when tourism stagnates. It means we can't substitute tourists who opt for frugality when economic indicators warn of an impending financial crisis or meltdown. We would end up with glitz and glamour venues visited daily by our poorest that end up riding home on Call Ride buses and vans after gambling away the first and last family home.

The flipside of the social cost would be horrendous and peddlers of this industry ought to ably demonstrate to us that such isn't the case. The issue is in tricky terrain speculative at best, a strange, dangerous and monstrous creature.

We may be poor but I am equally sure there's no room whatsoever to wholesale the perversion, marginalization, ruination, degradation, alienation, dispossession and permanent destruction of our cultural traditions via the casino industry. We've lost local control of immigration and eventually labor. What other substantive measure do we wish to lose by supplanting it with superficial glitz and glamour? We need a soulful retreat if only to allow the dews of the blue skies of paradise to sprinkle these tiny isles once more with visionaries that can help rebuild our tomorrows. *Si yuus maase`!*

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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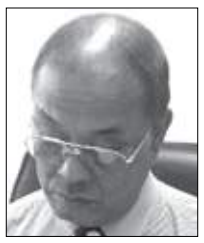

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲90° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲88	▼80
Palau	Showers	▲85	▼78
Yap	Showers	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼76
Pohnpei	Rain	▲84	▼76
Kosrae	Showers	▲89	▼79
Majuro	Rain	▲86	▼78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲58	▼45
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲97	▼72
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲84	▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼49
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼58
Manila	Thundershowers	▲93	▼83
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲62	▼51
Miami	Thundershowers	▲93	▼81
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼61
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲80	▼70
Paris	Windy	▲65	▼56
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼71
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼64
Salem	Showers	▲63	▼47
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲61	▼52
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Tokyo	Rain	▲82	▼71
Washington, DC	Showers	▲84	▼69

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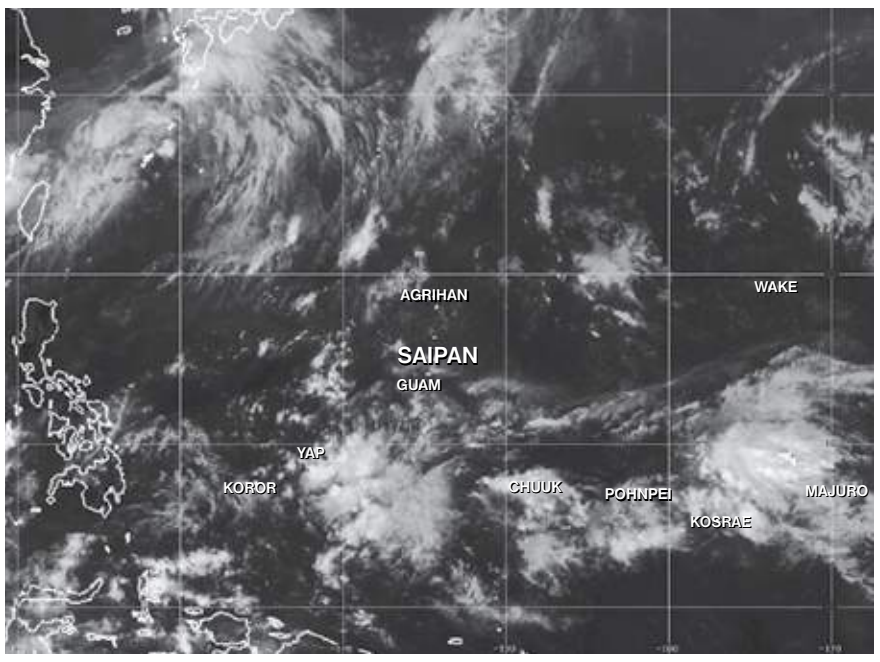

PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across much of Micronesia from Koror and Yap eastward to Pohnpei between 5N and 10N from 132E to 160E. This is also seen over and southeast of Majuro between 3N and 6N from 170E to the date line. A surface trough extends southward from 12N166E to 5N161E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located over and west of Kwajalein within 200 miles of the trough axis.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:45 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
9:22 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
4:47 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
11:52 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Thursday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Friday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Sunday	5:48 AM	6:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:18 AM	10:14 PM
Thursday	10:18 AM	10:59 PM
Friday	11:15 AM	11:42 PM
Saturday	12:11 PM	
Sunday	1:07 PM	12:24 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:20am	11:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:50am	11:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05am	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ706/607	3:35am	2:20am+1	4, 7 via PUS
C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via GUM-Palau
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4 ,6 ,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
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FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
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FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

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FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
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FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
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FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
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FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

About 50 on Saipan learn how to properly erect scaffolding

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The CNMI Occupational Safety & Health Administration On-Site Consultation conducted a whole-day training about scaffolding on Monday at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

CNMI-OSHA project manager Reynaldo C. Deleon Guerrero said about 50 participants from construction companies and hotels took part in the free training organized by the local office in partnership with the OSHA Region 9 office.

The training explains the standards set by OSHA in its Safety Standards for Scaffolds Use in the Construction Industry rule, which aims to protect workers using scaffolding in construction work.

A scaffold is any temporary elevated platform (supported or suspended) and its supporting structure (including points of anchorage), used for supporting employees or materials or both.

OSHA Region 9 Safety and Health manager Van A. Howell, who conducted the training, said that falls account for a third of fatalities in the United States. This translates to about 1,500 to 1,800 people in the United States who die from falling from scaffolds, platforms or ladders.

Deleon Guerrero pointed out that the training is essential since scaffolds are among the frequently cited hazards in the construction and general industries in the CNMI because of lack of information on how these scaffolds should be set up. "You don't want to be up at 30 feet high and you're not protected," he added.

Howell said a lot of hotels have their own staff that does a lot of their construction work, making them eligible to avail of the training as well.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

OSHA Region 9 Safety and Health manager Van A. Howell gestures as he explains the correct use of scaffolding to participants of the scaffolding training held at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Monday.

The training provides both employers and employees information that they can use to prevent either scaffold collapses or failures and falls from scaffolds, Howell explained.

According to Deleon Guerrero, the training consisted of a discussion of the technical aspects of scaffolding and its applications. He said that a scaffold was erected over the weekend outside the multi-purpose center and used for the training.

Deleon Guerrero emphasized that the trainings they conduct contribute to the decrease of work-related injuries in the CNMI. He said the public should avail of the regular trainings they conduct that are free of charge.

Established in 2003, the CNMI-OSHA On-Site Consultation is a federally funded program that offers free and confidential advice to small and medium-sized businesses in the CNMI.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday greetings go out to Tita L. Pacino, who is celebrating her birthday today, June 16, 2010! May this day bring you all things that make you smile. We love you! Greetings come from Jacoby, Jayvehn, and Jryden Fejeran.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of Community & Cultural Affairs
Division of Historic Preservation
Historic Preservation Fund Grant
Proposed Work Goals for FY 2010

The Division of Historic Preservation (HPO) under the auspices of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, anticipates the receipt of approximately $409,971 from the U.S. National Park Service for Fiscal Year 2010. This funding is provided to support the Commonwealth's Historic Preservation program and related community activities.

Prior to the submission of the grant application, the Division of Historic Preservation Office would like to solicit the community's input or comments on what priorities, concerns, projects, and activities it would like to undertake relating to Historic Preservation.

We need your comments particularly on such aspects as:

1). What do you think we should be focusing more of this year?
2). What particular community projects do you believe is important that we should try to fund?
3). What topics should we focus when publishing our ethnographic or archaeological books?
4). What particular areas do you want our office to concentrate on surveying or in the identification of cultural materials?
5). What aspects of the program do you think we should strengthen?

The following are examples of work goals that are proposed for FY 2010. We would like to know what you think about them.

- Conducting archaeological survey and preparation of NRHP Nomination of Japanese Defense Complex, Mananana Region, Rota, CNMI
- Reprinting all HPO's archaeological and ethnographic collection
- Implementing and maintaining its Geographic Information System
- Nominating significant sites to the National Register of Historic Places
- Provide a symposium on historic preservation policies and identification of cultural matierals
- Educate the CNMI's children about historic preservation through school visits, lectures and field trips.

Interested individuals are invited to submit their comments to the HPO in writing no later than June 30, 2010.. Written comments should be address to the Director, CNMI HPO, Division of Historic Preservation, Dept. of Community and Cultural Affairs, P. O. Box 500090 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. It may also be faxed to our office at 664-2139 or sent through e-mail to proysablan@cnmihpo.net or rhr@cnmihpo.net. Please visit our office located on Airport Road, between the former MVA Office and the LSG Building should you have any questions.

In addition to submitted written comments, our office would also like to undertake a formal public hearing to listen to your concerns and ideas about the historic preservation grant and possible projects or activities. The following is a schedule in this effect:

ISLAND	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Tinian	Tinian Youth Center	6/17/10	6:30 p.m.
Saipan	Multi Purpose	6/18/10	6:00 p.m.
Rota	Round House	6/24/10	6:30 p.m.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We look forward to hearing your comments and ideas. Your input and participation is extremely valuable.

/S/ Pedro (Roy) C. Sablan Jr.
Director, CNMI Historic Preservation Office

Concurred by: /S/ MELVIN L. O. FAISAO
SECRETARY, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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2	ABADAM, Carolynn C.	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
3	ADA, Bernice Jane T.	Dispatcher	DPS-Dispatch Unit	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
4	AGULTO, Courtney A.	Office Clerk	Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
5	AGULTO, Felix F.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
6	AGULTO, Franklin A.	Supply Technician	DPH-Procurement and Supply	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
7	AGULTO, Monique A.	Receptionist Clerk	CJPA	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
8	AGULTO, Zachary B.	Mechanic Helper	Office of the Mayor, Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
9	AISEK, Jonder M.	Office Clerk	Duty Free Shoppers-Galleria	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
10	ALDAN, Liyan Yashio L.	Revenue Library Aide	DOF-Revenue and Taxation	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
11	ALDAN, Michael C.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Joeten Dandan Market	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
12	ALDAN, Mikayla Merced L.	Office Clerk	DPL	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
13	ALOMIA, Luisito J., Jr.	Sales Clerk	Joeten Enterprises-The Athlete's Foot	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
14	AMANDUS, Beverly K.	Revenue Tax Trainee	DOF-Revenue and Taxation	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
15	AMANDUS, Clarence P.	Sales Clerk	Joeten Enterprises-Joeten Borderline Garapan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
16	AMANDUS, Hanson P.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Ace Hardware Gualo Rai	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
17	AMANDUS, Malcolm P.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Ace Hardware San Vicente	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
18	AMANTUS, Cathy	Cashier	World Resort-Gift Shop	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
19	ANGUI, Maria Antonia T.	Office Clerk	NMC-Administrative Services Div.	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
20	ANGUI, Vicente T.	Administrative Assistant	DPS-OGSP	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
21	APOLINAR, Jessica C.	Registration Clerk	DPH-Business Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
22	APOLINAR, Mhark C.	Eligibility Worker	DPH-Medicaid Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
23	ARRIOLA, Maria Teresa C.	Shop Parts/Office Clerk	Torres Refrigeration Inc.	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
24	ATALIG, Franklin	Construction Inspector	DPW-Building Safety Code Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
25	AVILA, Jademark P.	Receptionist Clerk	World Resort-La Mer	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
26	BABAUTA, Avilynn J.	Cashier	Joeten Enterprises-Hafa Adai Garapan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
27	BABAUTA, Daviey J.	Sales Clerk	Joeten Enterprises-Joeten Borderline Garapan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
28	BABAUTA, Jacob R.	Housekeeping	Hyatt-Room Attendant	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
29	BAHILLO, Albert M.	Maintenance Helper	DPH-Maintenance Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
30	BALLESTEROS, Carlo T.	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
31	BARTOLOME, Jamie S.	Information Services Aide	NMC-Information Services	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
32	BARTOLOME, Jerica S.	Graphic Designer	World Resort-Operations	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
33	BARTOLOME, Jerome S.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Ace Hardware, San Vicente	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
34	BASTO, Kevin B.	Office Clerk	CPA-Administration Airport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
35	BASTO, Robin B.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Airport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
36	BAUTISTA, Bradley Roy I.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Joeten Kagman Market	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
37	BAUTISTA, Dwayne Jay I.	Supply Technician	DOF-Procurement & Supply	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
38	BAUTISTA, Joysie Keolani I.	Office Clerk	Scholarship Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
39	BAUTISTA, Keiron Christine I.	Office Receptionist	DCCA-Chamorro/Carolinian Language Policy Commission	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
40	BERI, Kathleen L.	Medical Records Clerk	DPH-HIMO, Medical Records	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
41	BLAS, Rosalynn K.	Office Clerk	Law Revision Commission	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
42	BORJA, Britney Ann C.	Accounting Clerk	DPH-Billing Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
43	BORJA, Jennalmae P.	Administrative Assistant	DPW-ASD, Personnel Section	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
44	BORJA, Lelani	Medical Records Clerk	DPH-HIMO, Medical Records	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
45	BORJA, Willina Mae	Office Clerk	NMHC-Program & Housing Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
46	BUBOS, Wincel Mae O.	Data Entry Clerk	NMC-School of Education	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
47	CABANAYAN, Whitney S.	Eligibility Worker	DPH-Medicaid Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
48	CABRERA, Brian E.	CAD Trainee	DPW-TSD, Facilities CAD Drafter	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
49	CABRERA, Jennifer E.	Accounting Clerk	DPH-Accounts Payable	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
50	CABRERA, Sherylyn E.	Office Aide	NMHC-Fiscal Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
51	CANGCO, Leilani D.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Airport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
52	CANO, Charmaine P.	Office Clerk	Joeten Enterprises-JCT Main Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
53	CASTRO, Cassandra L.	Office Clerk	Palms Resort Saipan-HR/Executive Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
54	CASTRO, Francis T.	Office Clerk	NMHC-Planner Grant Writer Section	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
55	CASTRO, Jacqueline R.	Front Desk Clerk	Aqua Resort Club-Front Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
56	CASTRO, Shanita T.	Registration Clerk	DPH-Business Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
57	CELESTE, Wilson C.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Ace Hardware Gualo Rai	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
58	CEPEDA, Albert Z.	Computer Lab Aide	NMC-Computer Lab	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
59	CHENOR, Samantha E.	Administrative Assistant	MVA	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
60	COSMES, Iufita T.	Office Clerk	Board of Parole	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
61	CRESPO, Johsua V.	Clerical Aide	DPL-Compliance Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
62	CUDIAMAT, Mario R.	Bellhop	Mariana Resort & Spa	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
63	CUELLAR, Jaime N.	Auto AC/Mechanic Trainee	Torres Refrigeration Inc.	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
64	DAWE, Bernadette Marie I.	Office Clerk	DPH-Public Health	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
65	DEALA, Mark Arthur D.	Bellhop	World Resort-Front Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
66	DEFANG, Ladefaleen	Office Clerk	DPH-Public Health	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
67	DEFANG, Stanis S.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Ace Hardware Susupe	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
68	DELA ROSA, Odesa G.	Administrative Assistant	CUC-Power Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
69	DELEON GUERRERO, Kaylynn	Administrative Assistant	DOF-Secretary's Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
70	DELOS SANTOS, Jerry M.	Guest Service Officer	Hyatt Regency Saipan-Club Elan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
71	DEMAPAN, Anna Rit A.	Office Clerk	NMC-Upward Bound	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
72	DEMAPAN, Arnold A.	Computer Lab Aide	NMC-Computer Lab	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
73	DEMAPAN, Gus A.	Media Services Aide	NMC-Media Services	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
74	DEMAPAN, Mary A.	Office Clerk	DPH	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
75	DEPICH, Mailin J.	Administrative Assistant	CUC-Accounting	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
76	DIESTRO, Lovely L.	Busboy	World Resort	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
77	DINNEY, Nelson	Administrative Assistant	Office of the Mayor, Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
78	EDQUIBA, Kimberly L.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs-Airport Freight	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
79	EMILIANO, Guenavere DLG.	Administrative Assistant	CUC-Executive Director	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
80	EMUL, Raymond Jonathan SN.	Administrative Assistant	CUC-Procurement & Supply	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
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82	ESCALADA, Scott J.	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
83	ESCALADA, Shawn J.	Recreation Trainee	DCCA-Sports and Recreation Administration	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
84	ESCALONA, Juliano I.	Guest Service Officer	Hyatt Regency Saipan-Bell	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
85	ESEFAU, Kesner	Sales Support/Promoters	Duty Free Shoppers-Airport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
86	ESNER, Keri Rose C.	Administrative Assistant	DOF-Customs Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
87	ESTOQUE, Benedick D.	Administrative Assistant	Office of the Mayor, Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
88	FEJERAN, Elisa D.	Administrative Assistant	Pacific Trading Company, Ltd.	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
89	FITIAL, Malia I.	Administrative Assistant	DOF-Customs Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
90	FLO'OR, Daniel	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
91	GASPAR, Zoren Glenn D.	Clerk	DPW-Laboratory Unit	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
92	GERMANCE, Khesler T.	Dispatcher	DPS-Dispatch Unit	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
93	GIDEON, Liyelmatau Gininga K.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
94	GUEVARRA, Joe O.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs Airport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
95	GUEVARRA, Madalyn O.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs C.K.Post Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
96	GUEVARRA, Malisa O.	Sales Clerk	Coral Ocean Point Resort Club	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
97	HARO, Harolynn T.	Maintenance Assistant	CPA-Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
98	HARO, Karmerita	Recreation Trainee	DCCA-Sports and Recreation Administration	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
99	HARO, Slyn T.	Recreation Trainee	DCCA-Sports and Recreation Administration	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
100	HAUK, Sophie	Office Clerk	DPH-Medical Referral Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
101	HOSSAIN, Mohammed A.	Office Clerk	DPH-Public Health	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
102	HOSSAIN, Omar M.	Kitchen Helper	DPH-Dietary Unit	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
103	IBARRA, Annalyn	Sales Support/Promoters	Duty Free Shoppers-Galleria	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
104	ICHIHARA, Parnell C.	Revenue Enforcement Technician	DOF-Revenue and Taxation	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
105	IDERBEI, Abbygail R.	Room Attendant	Aqua Resort Club	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
106	IDERBEI, Meredith R.	Administrative Assistant	Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc.	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
107	IDERBEI, Stalin R.	Housekeeping	Mariana Resort & Spa	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
108	IGISAIAR, Elkanah A.	Customer Service Clerk	Office of the Mayor, Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
109	IGISIAR, Marcy Ezra	Office Clerk	CJPA	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
110	IGISOMAR, Lorraine	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
111	ILO, Rianalyn C.	Office Clerk	Law Revision Commission	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
112	INGRAM, James Justin L.	Information Services Aide	NMC-Information Services	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
113	INOCENCIO, Julius D.	Revenue Tax Trainee	DOF-Revenue and Taxation	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
114	JOHN, Samantha Y.	TBD	TBD	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
115	JONES, Janet L.	Registration Clerk	DPH-Business Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
116	KAAINOA, Beatrice S.	Office Clerk	Palms Resort Saipan-Purchasing Department	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
117	KAIPAT, Emina P.	Library Aide	NMC-Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
118	KAIPAT, Leon W.	Nursery Assistant	Office of the Mayor, Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
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123	KAZUO, Stacy Marie N.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Dandan Market	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
124	KENIO, Ita	Office Clerk	DPH-Public Health	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
125	KENIO, Youlynne	Dental Assistant	DPH-Dental Health Services	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
126	KING, John DLC. Jr.	Nursery Assistant	Office of the Mayor, Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
127	KLEWEI, Courtney T.	Legal Clerk Intern	Robert Tenorio Torres-Attorney at Law	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
128	KUMUCH, Anthonio L.	Merchandiser Assistant	Dickerson & Quinn	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
129	LACANDAZO, Erene Rose S.	Office Clerk	NMC-Upward Bound	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
130	LACANLALE, Robert S.	Gym & Spa Trainee	World Resort-Spaness	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
131	LACAY, Lorielyn D.	Administrative Assistant	DOF-Customs Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
132	LACAY, Sherlyn D.	Office Clerk	DCCA-Chamorro/Carolinian Language Policy Commission	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
133	LEEMARVIN, Sharla	Sales Support/Promoters	Duty Free Shoppers-Galleria	Thursday, June 24, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
134	LEON GUERRERO, Anthony L.	Facilities Inspector	DPW-TSD, Facilities CAD Drafter	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
135	LEON GUERRERO, Vince N.	Front Desk Clerk	Coral Ocean Point Resort Club-Front Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
136	LEYCO, Ian M.	Office Clerk	DPW-Solid Waste Management Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
137	LISUA, Mathew L.	Guest Service Officer	Hyatt Regency Saipan-Bell	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
138	LITULUMAR, Stephen R.	Office Clerk	DCCA-Carolinian Affairs Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
139	LIZAMA, Benedicto D. Jr.	Office Clerk	Palms Resort Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
140	LIZAMA, Ezra D.	Cashier	Mariana Resort & Spa	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
141	LIZAMA, Joseph Q.	Office Clerk	DPW-Solid Waste Management Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
142	LIZAMA, Kraven Q.	Marketing Administrative Assistant	Pacific Trading Company, Ltd.	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
143	LIZAMA, Nicole Q.	Office Clerk	PSS-Americorps Program	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
144	LUDWIG, Kellanie S.	Accounting Clerk	DPH-Billing Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
145	MABANAN, Maria Rubymel V.	Office Clerk	DPH-Public Health	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
146	MAFNAS, Kaela Kioni V.	Clerical Aide	DPL-Compliance Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
147	MAGLONZO, Jacqueline B.	On Air Personality	Sorenson Productions	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
148	MAGLONZO, Jeric B.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Ace Hardware Gualo Rai	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
149	MAGOFNA, Cineil S.	Accounting Clerk	DPH-Billing Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
150	MAGOFNA, Dominick S.	Office Clerk	DCCA-Secretary's Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
151	MAGOFNA, John S.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
152	MAGOFNA, Tisha Basa	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs Airport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
153	MALABANAN, Jane T.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs Airport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
154	MALABANAN, Jean T.	Office Clerk	CPA-Airport Admin.	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
155	MALDANGESANG, Jeremie V.	Sales Clerk	Joeten Enterprises-Joeten Susupe	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
156	MALITY, Shawnalynn S.	On Air Personality	Sorenson Productions	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
157	MANAHANE, Delvin H.	Warehouse Clerk	DPH-MMO, Lower Base	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
158	MANAHANE, Marvin H., Jr.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Joeten Kagman Market	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
159	MANALO, Larry Jay F.	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
160	MANGTHEG, Christopher	Warehouse Helper	Joeten Enterprises-SDC Wholesale	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
161	MESIK, Jaswill	Sales Clerk	Joeten Enterprises-The Athlete's Foot	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
162	MICHAEL, Darren Jay	Mechanic Helper	Office of the Mayor, Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
163	MICHAEL, Markes S.	Office Clerk	Law Revision Commission	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
164	MITIN, Jolyn	Parole Officer Aide	Board of Parole	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
165	MOSES, Cassandra R.	Office Clerk	World Resort-HR Department	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
166	NACHU, Pisanty C.	AC/Refrigeration Apprentice	Torres Refrigeration Inc.	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
167	NAOG, John P.	Environmental Trainee	DEQ	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
168	NARTIN, Narphin M.	Master Control	Sorenson Productions	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
169	NEKAIFES, Andy SP.	Sales Clerk	Joeten Enterprises-Joeten Susupe	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
170	NEKAIFES, Jaclyn L.	Administrative Assistant	DPS-HR Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
171	NEPAIAL, Kimberly M.	Office Clerk	DPH-Medical Referral Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
172	NGESKEBEI, Malena R.	Front Desk Clerk	Coral Ocean Point Resort Club-Front Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
173	NORECH, Agatha W.	Accounting Clerk	DPL	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
174	NORECH, Asada KN.	Office Clerk	CPA-Ports Police	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
175	NORECH, Katherine KN.	Administrative Assistant	DPS-BMV	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
176	NORITA, Junela N.	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
177	NORITA, Lora Lesley K.	Administrative Assistant	NMC-CDI	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
178	NORITA, Lori Lynn K.	Office Clerk	NMC-Distance Education Facilities	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
179	NORITA, Rose Marie N.	Front Desk Clerk	Sorenson Productions	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
180	NORITA, Sandy N.	Busboy	World Resort-Food and Beverage	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
181	NORITA, Shauna C.	Administrative Assistant	DOF-Procurement & Supply	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
182	NORITA, Victorino C.	Warehouse Clerk	DPH-MMO, Lower Base	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
183	OGOY, Joville Lyn A.	Computer Lab Aide	NMC-Computer Lab	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
184	OLAITIMAN, Peter John I.	Supply Technician	DPH	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
185	OLOPAI, Jiovonni L.	Maintenance Helper	DPH-Maintenance Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
186	OVENY, Raynna A.	Office Clerk	DCCA-Carolinian Affairs Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
187	PALACIOS, Bertran Franklin DLR. Jr.	Filing Clerk	Bank of Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
188	PALACIOS, Bertrina DLR.	Firefighter Trainee	DPS-Fire Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
189	PALACIOS, Jaressa DLR.	Office Clerk	CPA-Lease Compliance-Airport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
190	PALACIOS, Lynesia DLC.	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
191	PATUBO, Virgilio Jr., M.	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
192	PAUL, Alfred H.	Recreation Trainee	DCCA-Sports and Recreation	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
193	PERCIL, William Rey M.	Eligibility Worker	DPH-Medicaid Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
194	PETER, Fremy F.	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
195	PETER, Mario F.	Inventory Control Clerk	NMC-Bookstore	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
196	PETER, Marmy	Accounts Clerk	World Resort-Accounting Department	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
197	PHILLIP, Loveme R.	Tax Technician	DOF-Revenue and Taxation	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
198	PINAULA, Reginalynn SN.	Guest Service Officer	Hyatt Regency Saipan-Club Elan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
199	PORTADES, Gio Armani F.	Cashier	Joeten Enterprises-Hafa Adai Garapan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
200	PUA, Carmina H.	Sales Support/Promoters	Duty Free Shoppers-Galleria	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
201	PUA, Shane L.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
202	RABAULIMAN, Jesus K.	Administrative Assistant	DPS-BMV	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
203	RABAULIMAN, Joaquina A.	Office Clerk	DCCA-LIHEAP	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
204	RABAULIMAN, Yumi K.	Administrative Assistant	CUC-Procurement and Supply	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American

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INVITATION FOR BID
PSS-IFB-10-060

"A/C REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE FOR DANDAN ELEMENTARY, SAN VICENTE ELEMENTARY, KAGMAN ELEMENTARY, CHACHA JR. HIGH AND KAGMAN HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **A/C Replacement and Upgrade for Dandan Elementary, San Vicente Elementary, Kagman Elementary, Chacha Jr. High, and Kagman High School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package are available beginning on June 2, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $47.25.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on June 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the PSS Conference Room. 2nd floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than June 29, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-060 and submitted with one original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. no later than 9:00 a.m, local time, July 6, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 9:00 a.m. local time July 8, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 9:00 a.m., local time on July 6, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or e-mail to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 6, 2010 and must be received no later than July 15, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m., July 20, 2010.

This project is funded under the AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) with "Buy America" Provisions.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement & Supply Officer

Business

Documents: BP cut corners in days before blowout

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—BP made a series of money-saving shortcuts and blunders that dramatically increased the danger of a destructive oil spill in a well that an engineer ominously described as a "nightmare" just six days before the blowout, according to documents released Monday that provide new insight into the causes of the disaster.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee released dozens of internal documents that outline several problems on the deepsea rig in the days and weeks before the April 20 explosion that set in motion the largest environmental disaster in U.S. history. Investigators found that BP was badly behind schedule on the project and losing hundreds of thousands of dollars with each passing day, and responded by cutting corners in the well design, cementing and drilling mud efforts and the installation of key safety devices.

"Time after time, it appears that BP made decisions that increased the risk of a blowout to save the company time or expense. If this is what happened, BP's carelessness and complacency have inflicted a heavy toll on the Gulf, its inhabitants, and the workers on the rig," said Democratic Reps. Henry A. Waxman and Bart Stupak.

The missteps emerged on the same day that President Barack Obama made his fourth visit to the Gulf, where he sought to assure beleaguered residents that the government will "leave the Gulf Coast in better shape than it was before."

Obama's two-day trip to Mississippi, Alabama and Florida represents his latest attempt to persevere through a crisis that has served as an important early test of his presidency. The visit coincides with a national address from the Oval Office on Tuesday night in which he will announce new steps to restore the Gulf Coast ecosystem, according to a senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity so as not to upstage the president's announcements.

"I can't promise folks ... that the oil will be cleaned up overnight. It will not be," Obama said after encouraging workers in hard hats as they hosed off and repaired oil-blocking boom. "It's going to be painful for a lot of folks."

But, he said, "things are going to return to normal."

The breached well has dumped as much as 114 million gallons of oil into the Gulf under the worst-case scenario described by scientists—a rate of more than 2 million a day. BP has collected 5.6 million gallons of oil through its latest containment cap on top of the well, or about 630,000 gallons per day.

But BP believes it will see considerable improvements in the next two weeks. The company said Monday that it could trap a maximum of roughly 2.2 million gallons of oil each day by the end of June as it deploys additional containment efforts, including a system that could start burning off vast quantities as early as Tuesday. That would more than triple the amount of oil it is currently capturing—and be a huge relief for those trying to keep it from hitting the shore.

"It would be a game changer," said Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Mark Boivin, deputy director for near-shore operations at a command center in Mobile. He works with a team that coordinates the efforts of roughly 80 skimming boats gathering oil off the coast.

Still, BP warned its containment efforts could face problems if hoses or pipes clog and engineers struggle to run the complicated collection system. Early efforts at the bottom of the Gulf failed to capture oil.

Meanwhile, congressional investigators have identified several mistakes by BP in the weeks leading up to the disaster as it fell way behind on drilling the well.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CUC-RFP-10-036

IMPLEMENTATION OF WORKPLANS AT CUC POWER PLANT NOS. 1 & 2

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced environmental firms for the Implementation of workplans at CUC Power Plant Nos. 1 & 2, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The work includes installation of equipment, data collection and development and implementation of clean up measures. Deliverables also include submission of periodic and appropriate sampling and assessment reports, proposed cleanup action /plan and performance report. A final report will also be required that shows the workplan implementation. All the work will be done as a part of the US EPA Stipulated order No. 2 response action and is subject to their approval. This project will be funded through the grant awarded by the US Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.

The Scope-of-Work will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until June 17, 2010.**

One (1) original and Six (7) copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked **"CUC-RFP- 10-036 Implementation of Work plans at CUC Power Plant Nos. 1 & 2"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **June 22, 2010 at 10:00 AM. (CHST) local time.** A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Manuel B. Sablan, Procurement & Supply Manager at email msablan@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions will not be considered.

A Pre-proposal Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **June 14, 2010 at 9:30 AM (CHST) local time** at the Saipan Lower Base CUC Power Plant No. 1 Administration Bldg.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on **June 18, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Manager, Procurement and Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net; Technical Manager for Oil, Mr. Will Sword via email sword.william@gmail.com and Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, Power generation, via email venu@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. Contract/s will be awarded to the most responsive proposers, as adjudged by the Source Selection Committee (SSC). CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Assistant Executive Director for Operation

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
Executive Director

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Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai
Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW10-IFB-011

REMOVAL OF RAISED MEDIAN

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Proposed Removal of Raised Median, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available on or after June 9, 2010 at DPW Technical Services Division 1353 Mednilla Avenue Capitol Hill. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars **($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project, The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2010. Preference is available to US Citizen as per Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118. Prospective bidders claiming for US Citizen preference are required to submit P&S Form 100 (Revised 12/20/07) with their sealed bids.

A Pre-bid Conference is scheduled for June 28, 2010, 9:00 a.m. local time at the project site located at Tanapag in front of I-Mart Store.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that the full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall ill submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Joseph M. Inos, Jr., Director of Technical Services Division**, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who have obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgement of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/38 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW10-IFB-011"** For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time July 1, 2010, Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, July 1, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 1, 2010, and must be received no later than July 12, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, July 15, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on July 6, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **A surety company shall hold the Certificate of Authority (COA) from the U.S. Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General and must accompany the bid.** Bid security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with NMIAC §70-30.3-301 of the Procurement Regulations. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Department of Treasury as an acceptable surety and must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI. In addition, the contractor will be required to deliver a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments or other bond obligations) exceeded the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is Thirty **(30)** Working days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One Hundred Dollars **($100.00)** per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion a date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid protocol that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/S/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BID
PSS-IFB-10-061

"A/C REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE FOR GTC, TANAPAG ELEMENTARY, GARAPAN ELEMENTARY, OLEAI ELEMENTARY AND MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **A/C Replacement and Upgrade for GTC, Tanapag Elementary, Garapan Elementary, Oleai Elementary and Marianas High School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package are available beginning on June 2, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $47.45.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on June 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the PSS Conference Room. 2nd floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than June 29, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-061 and submitted with one original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. no later than 9:30 a.m, local time, July 6, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 9:30 a.m. local time July 8, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 9:30 a.m., local time on July 6, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or e-mail to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 6, 2010 and must be received no later than July 15, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m., July 20, 2010.

This project is funded under the AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) with "Buy America" Provisions.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement & Supply Officer

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BID
PSS-IFB-10-062

"A/C REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE FOR WSR ELEMENTARY, HOPWOOD JR. HIGH, SAN ANTONIO ELEMENTARY, KOBLERVILLE ELEMENTARY AND SAIPAN SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **A/C Replacement and Upgrade for WSR Elementary, Hopwood Jr. High, San Antonio Elementary, Koblerville Elementary and Saipan Southern High School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package are available beginning on June 2, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $47.15.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on June 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the PSS Conference Room. 2nd floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than June 29, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-062 and submitted with one original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. no later than 10:00 a.m, local time, July 6, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 10:00 a.m. local time July 8, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

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INVITATION FOR BID
PSS-IFB-10-072

(Re-Announcement of PSS IFB 09-029)
"REHABILITATION FOR SINAPALO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **Rehabilitation of Sinapalo Elementary School on Rota**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Scope of Work and project package are available beginning on June 16, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $28.95.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 6, 2010 at Sinapalo Elementary School Cafeteria at 1:30 p.m. in Rota. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 664-3715 or emailed to Mr. Rommel Mostales, Acting CIP Coordinator at rommel.mostales@cnmipss.org no later than July 13, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-072 and submitted with one original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. no later than 2:00 p.m, local time, July 20, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. local time July 22, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 2:00 p.m., local time on July 20, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or e-mail to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 20, 2010 and must be received no later than July 30, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m., August 3, 2010.

This project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant, American Receovery and Reinvestment (CDBG-R).

This project is funded under the AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) with "Buy America" Provisions.

/S/ Marcie M. Tomokane
Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

/S/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/S/ Robert Florian
Procurement & Supply Officer

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PSS RFP 10-076

"PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ON-SITE COACHING FOR INSTRUCTIONAL MAKEOVER/TURNAROUND FOR SAN ANTONIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firm interested in "**Providing Professional Development and On-site Coaching for Instructional Makeover/Turnaround for San Antonio Elementary School"** The Scope of Work is available beginning June 16, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

There will be a Pre-Proposal Meeting on June 30, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at San Antonio Elementary School Cafeteria. Questions may be faxed to Ms. Daisy Villagomez-Bier at (670) 664-3934 or emailed to sanantonelem@yahoo.com no later than July 7, 2010.

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope marked "RFP 10-076" containing (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Ofice no later than Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

Nation

Dozens rescued as flash floods inundate Okla. City

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Firefighters helping a 17-year-old girl escape swift floodwaters were forced to cling to treetops and await rescue themselves after 10 inches of rain deluged parts of the Oklahoma City area Monday.

The boat carrying the rescuers sank just as it reached the teen along a North Canadian River tributary that had topped its banks. A second boat was able to safely recover the girl, the firefighters and the boat owner who lent his craft to the effort, which included more than 50 rescues of residents and stranded motorists.

No fatalities or major injuries were reported. The Oklahoma State Department of Health received 136 reports of mainly cuts, scrapes and exposure to flood water, but none required hospitalization.

When the rescuers' boat sank, they put a flotation vest on the teen and joined her in the tree, Cpl. Kyle Templeton said. The girl had waded into the fast-moving water to help a stranded motorist, who was able to get out of her vehicle safely, Templeton said.

"She was nervous, of course, but she was calm. For 17 years old, she was really calm," Templeton said. "I just stood there and hugged the tree. We were all just hanging out there together."

Slow-moving thunderstorms developed just south of the Oklahoma City area early Monday and dropped between 6 and 10 inches over most of the city by 11 a.m., inundating neighborhoods and stranding morning commuters. Several interstates were shut down, but reopened Monday afternoon.

About 6,700 homes and businesses lost power, according to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

Waters had largely receded by Monday afternoon, but flash flood warnings remained in effect for several counties in southern and southwestern Oklahoma, and forecasters said more thunderstorms were likely.

"It certainly will aggravate the situation," said Daryl Williams, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Norman. "At this point, anything that falls in those areas will just run off and won't soak into the ground."

Lt. Jeff Cooper, a police spokesman, said officers patrolling the streets would be looking for trouble spots and, if more heavy rain falls, "we'll be blocking off streets and roads as the water rises."

Dozens of motorists had to be rescued from stalled vehicles in the northern Oklahoma City suburb of Edmond, where residents also were displaced. A temporary shelter was set up at a local elementary school, said police spokeswoman Glynda Chu.

In celebration of his new life

Antonio Blas Matagolai

March 11, 1962 - June 12, 2010

In his new life, he now joins his:

Father: *Manuel S. Matagolai*
Grandparents: *Pedro and Guadalupe S. Blas*
Brother: *Antonio B. Pangelinan*
Sisters: *Maria B. Matagolai*
Linda B. Matagolai
Lillian B. Matagolai
Parents-in-law: *Ernesto and Elena Esparagoza*

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: *Jesusana E. Matagolai*
Daughter: *Ruby E. Matagolai*
Mother: *Delgadina B. Matagolai*

Brothers, Sisters and In-laws:

Guadalupe M. Cepeda & Children
Juan and Lourdes B. Matagolai & Children
Roque and Margarita B. Matagolai & Children
Pedro and Hiromi B. Matagolai & Children
Ignacio and Noemi B. Matagolai & Children
Sophia and Vicente M. Salas & Children
Barbara B. Matagolai & Children
David B. Matagolai
Linda M. and Steven Van Winkle & Daughter
Elvie Esparagoza
Maria Elena Esparagoza

He is additionally survived by numerous uncles, aunties and cousins.

Daily Mass of Intentions are being offered each evening at 6:00pm at Santa Soledad Church in Kagman followed by Holy Rosary at 7:00pm.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2010. His remains will escorted from Nuestra Senora Dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30am to Santa Soledad Church. Responso service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:30am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by interment services at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

THE FAMILY

St. Anthony, Pray for us!

FBI file shows Ted Kennedy was magnet for death threats

WASHINGTON (AP)—For decades after gunmen shot down his brothers, Sen. Edward Kennedy lived under constant assassination threats of his own, sometimes chillingly specific, as he became a target for extremist rage, previously private FBI documents disclosed Monday.

Five years after President John F. Kennedy was killed and shortly after Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot, one letter warned that the third brother was next: "Ted Kennedy number three to be assassinated on Oct. 25, 1968. The Kennedy residence must be well protected on that date."

Nearly two decades later, in 1985, the threats continued, this time including the Republican president as well as the liberal Democratic senator: "Brass tacks, I'm gonna kill Kennedy and (President Ronald) Reagan, and I really mean it."

Releasing 2,352 pages from Kennedy's FBI file, many of them concerning threats over the years, the agency said on its website: "These threats originated from multiple sources, including individuals, anonymous persons and members of radical groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, 'Minutemen' organizations and the National Socialist White People's Party."

Some of the threats prompted investigations, some resulted in warnings to Kennedy or local law enforcement authorities. There is no indication any attempts were carried out.

Natalee Holloway's dad seeks answers in Aruba

ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP)—Natalee Holloway's father was back in Aruba on Monday, hoping the suspect in his daughter's disappearance has provided local authorities with new clues since being arrested for the killing of a 21-year-old woman in Peru.

Dave Holloway planned to discuss the latest developments with prosecutors and investigators at a meeting Tuesday, said Tim Miller, a friend and the founder of Texas EquuSearch, a group that has repeatedly searched for the missing Alabama woman since her disappearance in 2005. He had previously said they would discuss the case Monday but the meeting was postponed for unknown reasons.

Miller, who is staying with Holloway in Aruba but not attending the meetings, said volunteers were ready to immediately resume the search if there is any new information from Joran van der Sloot, who was jailed Friday on charges of killing business student Stephany Flores on May 30 in a Lima hotel.

Miller said the killing of Flores, on the fifth anniversary of 18-year-old Natalee Holloway's disappearance in Aruba, opened up old wounds for the distraught father, who has been frustrated with the lack of progress by Aruban authorities.

"He's very saddened," Miller told The Associated Press. "He feels that if the Arubans had done their job, Joran would be in jail and Stephany would be alive."

ACROSS THE NATION

NC congressman apologizes for behavior on video

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—A Democratic congressman apologized Monday after video posted online showed him swatting at the camera, demanding that two men taping him identify themselves and grabbing one of them by the wrist and neck. "I deeply and profoundly regret my reaction and I apologize to all involved," Rep. Bob Etheridge of North Carolina said in a statement. "No matter how intrusive and partisan our politics can become, this does not justify a poor response." The video was posted on websites owned by Andrew Breitbart, the conservative Web entrepreneur who also released video of workers for the community organizing group ACORN counseling actors posing as a pimp and prostitute.

Earthquake measured at 5.7 shakes Southern Calif.

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The California-Mexico border region was rocked by a magnitude-5.7 quake Monday, rattling nerves from San Diego north to Orange County and Los Angeles. The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake was centered five miles southeast of Ocotillo in Imperial County—about 85 miles east of San Diego. It struck Monday at 9:26 p.m. PDT. San Diego County Office of Emergency Services made a round of calls to all cities in the county and found no reports of significant damage. Louis Fuentes, chairman of the Imperial County board of supervisors, said he had no immediate reports of damage. "As soon as it hit, my wife said, 'Grab the baby.' My daughter ran out to the back yard," said Fuentes, who was in his garage in Calexico, about 30 miles east of the epicenter. "It thumped really hard."

World

Uzbeks flee Kyrgyzstan, seek safety at border

JALAL-KUDUK, Uzbekistan (AP)—Standing behind barbed wire with other Uzbek refugees, the woman tearfully raised her hands in a Muslim prayer for her dead husband. She had left his body at their burned-down house in southern Kyrgyzstan while fleeing ethnic riots that reduced much of a major city to ruins.

"He's lying there unburied," lamented the woman, who identified herself only as Khadicha, a doctor in her 50s, as she waited Monday in a no-man's land to cross into Uzbekistan.

She is among tens of thousands of minority Uzbeks who have fled the deadliest violence Kyrgyzstan has seen since the two ethnic groups fought over land 20 years ago as Moscow lost its grip on the former Soviet republic in Central Asia.

In the southern Kyrgyz city of Osh, three miles (five kilometers) from the border with Uzbekistan, gunfire pierced the air and fires raged for a fourth day. Officials said 138 people were killed and nearly 1,800 wounded since the violence began last week, but an Uzbek community leader said at least 200 Uzbeks had already been buried, and many bodies had not been recovered from charred homes and businesses.

The United States and Russia, which both have military bases in northern Kyrgyzstan—away from the violence—worked on humanitarian aid airlifts, as did the United Nations.

The U.N. Security Council late Monday condemned the violence in Kyrgyzstan and called "for calm, a return of rule of law and order, and a peaceful resolution of differences." The council, in a press statement, noted the need to support the urgent delivery of humanitarian assistance and expressed support for the efforts of Secretary- General Ban Ki-moon and regional organizations "to deal in an appropriate way with the situation."

Uzbekistan hastily set up camps to handle the flood of refugees, most of them women, children and the elderly. They were hungry and frightened, with accounts of Uzbek girls being raped and Kyrgyz snipers shooting at them as they rushed to the border. Aid workers said many had suffered gunshot wounds.

Kyrgyzstan's interim government, which took over when former President Kurmanbek Bakiyev was ousted in an April uprising in the impoverished country, has been unable to stop the violence and accused Bakiyev's family of instigating it to halt a June 27 referendum on a new constitution. Uzbeks—a minority in Kyrgyzstan as a whole but whose numbers rival the Kyrgyz in the south—have backed the interim government. Many Kyrgyz in the south have supported Bakiyev.

Kyrgyz security chief Kenishbek Duishebayev said Monday evening on television that Bakiyev's younger son, Maxim, was arrested earlier in the day in Britain when he flew into a Hampshire airport on a private plane. Britain's Home Office said it could not comment for legal reasons.

Prosecutors, who placed him on an international wanted list in May, allege that companies he owned avoided almost $80 million in taxes on aviation fuel sold to suppliers of the U.S. air base near the capital of Bishkek that is a crucial supply hub for the coalition fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan.

The violent protests that led to President Bakiyev's ouster were fed by anger over corruption permeating his extended family, which grew wealthy and powerful under his rule. The new government has been under pressure to bring them to justice.

KAZAKHSTAN
Bishkek
200 miles
200 km
KYRGYZSTAN
UZBEKISTAN
Deadly conflict between Kyrgyz and Uzbeks
CHINA
Osh
TAJIKISTAN
Kyrgyzstan
Since the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991, Kyrgyzstan has been plagued by corruption and chronic instability.
Population 5.4 million
Ethnic groups
Kyrgyz 64.9%
Uzbek 13.8%
Russian 12.5%
Other 8.8%
Religion
Muslim 75%
Russian Orthodox 20%
Other 5%
GDP per capita $2,100 (2009)
• President Kurmanbek Bakiev, since March 2005; next election 2014
• Recent protests have forced Bakiev to flee; interim government is headed by former Foreign Minister Roza Otunbayeva
• Strategically important; has U.S. and Russian military bases; shares border with China
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Source: CIA World Factbook, Reuters

WORLD BRIEFS

Gunmen kill 15 Mexican officers in 2 attacks

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Gunmen killed 15 federal police officers Monday in separate attacks in two drug-plagued states, marking one of the bloodiest days for security forces since the government stepped up its fight with drug cartels. Twelve officers died in an ambush near a high school in the western state of Michoacan, while assailants killed three more officers in a northern border state. The latest in a series of mass slayings came as President Felipe Calderon defended his crackdown on traffickers in an essay on his office's website. He vowed he won't back down despite criticism that violence has only surged since he deployed thousands of troops and federal police in late 2006 seeking to crush the cartels.

Iran cleric wants 'special weapons' to deter enemy

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—The hardline spiritual mentor of Iran's president has made a rare public call for producing the "special weapons" that are a monopoly of a few nations - a veiled reference to nuclear arms. The Associated Press on Monday obtained a copy of a book written by Ayatollah Mohammad Taqi Mesbah Yazdi in which he wrote Iran should not deprive itself of the right to produce these "special weapons." Iran's government, as well as its clerical hierarchy, have repeatedly denied the country is seeking nuclear weapons, as alleged by the U.S. and its allies. The Security Council last week imposed a fourth round of sanctions in response to Tehran's refusal to halt uranium enrichment, which Iran maintains is only for its nuclear energy program, but could conceivably be used to produce material for weapons.

Israel approves inquiry into Gaza flotilla attack

JERUSALEM (AP)—The European Union on Monday called Israel's closure of Gaza "unacceptable" and offered to play a role in opening the borders, as Israel appointed three Israeli experts and two foreign observers to a commission to investigate its deadly raid on a Gaza-bound flotilla. The EU move added to the intense pressure Israel has faced to lift the blockade since nine pro-Palestinian activists died in clashes after Israeli commandos rappelled aboard one of the aid ships last month. The three-year closure has withheld all but the most basic supplies from Gaza's 1.5 million Palestinian residents. The most notable dissent has come from President Barack Obama, who called the Gaza closure unsustainable. The U.S. pressure resonates more with the Israelis because of their close alliance with Washington.

In Loving Memory

JOSEPH PANGELINAN VILLAGOMEZ

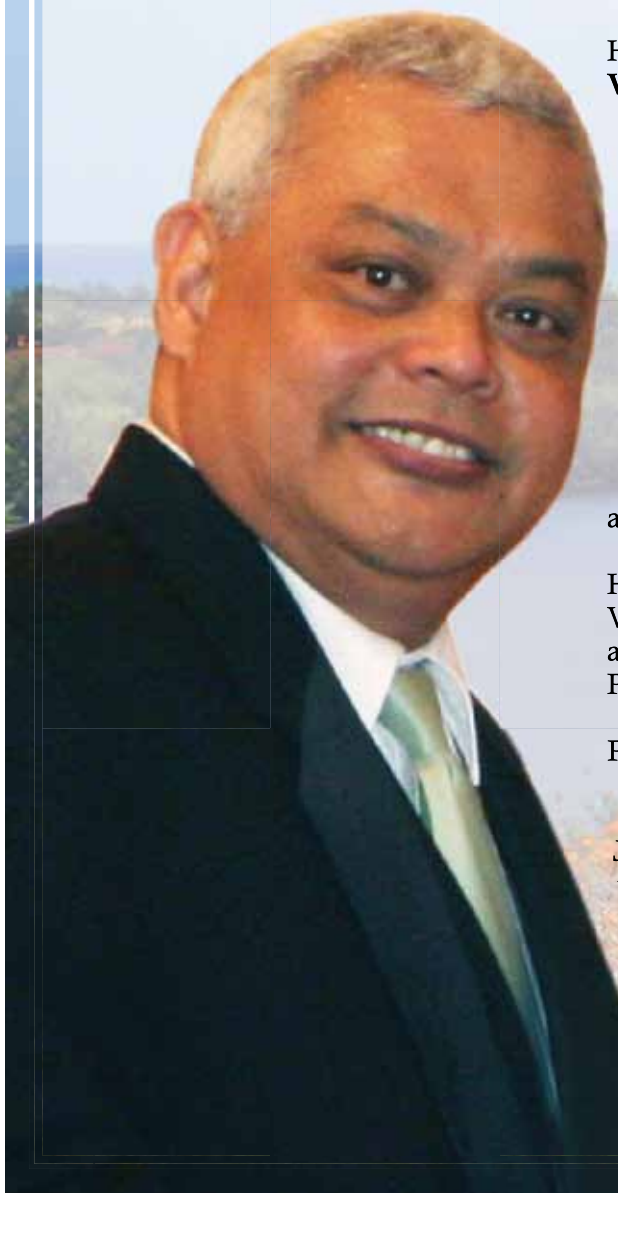
January 24, 1960 — June 13, 2010

of Fina Sisu, Saipan, fondly known as

Joe Kiyu

was called by Our Almighty Father to eternal rest at the age of 50 years.

Joe is survived by his children and grandchildren,
Luise V. & Patrick A. Sanchez *(Zoë Rae, Tihannalyn Merced, Patrick Greg, Jr., & Vaughn Joseph)*
Merced Johanna Vaughn Villagomez
Joseph Manuel Vaughn Villagomez
and his loving companion, **Sylvia Geda**, and her daughter, Hanna Geda.



He is also survived by his father, **Manuel Seman Villagomez**, and brothers and sisters,
Linda V. & Felix B. Cepeda
Patricia V. & Juan B. Cepeda
Thomas P. & Virginia C. Villagomez
Barbara V. & Joseph D. Wesley
Manuel P. Villagomez, Jr.
Edward P. Villagomez & Eugenia H. Salas
David P. Villagomez - Randy King & Kalena Yim
Nora V. & Raymond Dlg. Borja
John P. & Jeannette T. Villagomez
Ramona V. & John A. Manglona
Antonia V. & Jerome Ierome

and numerous nephews and nieces.

He is predeceased by his mother Luise Pangelinan Villagomez and grandparents Manuel Castro Villagomez and Antonia Seman Villagomez, and Jose Wilson Pangelinan and Maria San Nicolas Pangelinan.

Please join us in prayers during the daily Mass at 6:00 a.m. and Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa. On **Monday, June 21, 2010** at 7:30 a.m., Joe's remains will be escorted from Borja's Funeral Home to Mount Carmel Cathedral where the Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

The family deeply appreciates the prayers, support and words of sympathy during this difficult time of mourning.

Campus Life

NMC Upward Bound student set to attend Leeward Summer Program

A student from the Northern Marianas College under the Upward Bound program will be attending a summer program at the Leeward Community College in Honolulu aimed at encouraging students to pursue a college degree requiring coursework heavy in math and science.

Alpino

A junior from Rota High School, Katelyn Alpino, has been selected for the program and is now preparing for a summer filled with math and science courses that will run from June 11 to July 21.

Alpino will be expecting the summer residential, pre-college program to offer, not only courses in math and science, but also in English, literature, composition, Japanese, Hawaiian, marine biology, and physics and college/career guidance, designed according to specific grade levels.

Upon conclusion of the program, Leeward expects Alpino and the rest of the participating students to find an increase in the level of individual academic skills and be better prepared for college life through the guidance of organizers, staff, and faculty of the Honolulu-based community college.

"I am thrilled to attend the summer program. This will, not only enhance my knowledge of math and science, but also allow me to experience different learning styles, and most especially, in an environment filled Hawaiian traditions."

Alpino is an active member of her high school National Honor Society and Youth Advisory Panel. For leisure, she spends time reading, playing volleyball, and listening to music. Her ultimate goal in life is to pursue a degree in the field of pediatrics.

"I always wanted to be a Pediatrician after working for the Rota Health Center," said Alpino.

Katelyn is a participant of the Northern Marianas College Upward Bound Program, a Federal TRIO program tasked with the responsibility to prepare and motivate qualified high school students for postsecondary education. ***(PR)***

Dandan school gives thanks to sponsors

Dandan Elementary School recently held its 11th Annual Cultural Day fundraiser event and wants to acknowledge its contributors: Dolphin Wholesale, Saipan Computer Services, Palm's Resort, D&Q Saipan, Aqua Resort Club, Lollipop's Tendan Famagu'on, Laulau Bay Golf Resort, Alamo Rent-A-Car, Mr. & Mrs. Vince/Rowina Torres, JC Tenorio Enterprises, Herman's Bakery, National Office Supply, IT&E, Pacific Islands Club, Islander Rent-a-car/Asks Fashion, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Rep. Joseph Palacios and family, Saipan Grand Hotel, PC Outlet, Budget Rent-a-car, Megabyte, White Coconut Computers, Blossom's Floral Shop, Jonas M. Barcinas, Mr. & Mrs. Jose/Mary Rabago, Helen Olbes (IBSS), Fiesta Resort and Spa, Coca Cola/Ice Kiss, Shell Marianas, Pacific Trading Co., Saipan World Resort, KFC/Taco Bell, Sen. Pete Reyes, Rep. Joseph Dl-Guerrero, Mayor's Office, Sgt. Maj. Joaquin Kiyoshi, Office of the Governor & Lt. Governor , Joeten Kiyu Public Library, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Lavina Dela Cruz, Marjorie Kintol, Mr. & Mrs. Jose & Melrosa Rebuenog, Ton Cabrera and Angie Castro, Maria Nakamura, Ma. Caroline Garon, Ton Camacho and Chritine Aguon, Zhou Zhang Shou, The Tenorio/Sablan family, Rep. Eli Cabrera, The Olomwááy Band, Subway, Sebio Borja & Juan Reyes, McDonald's, Dandan Elementary School faculty, teachers, staff, students, parents and the CNMI community

Place	Prize	Ticket #	Winner
Grand Prize	$500 cash from DES/PTSA	00918	Doris Rangamar
Baby grand	$250 cash from DES/PTSA	00656	Teregeyo
1st Prize	$100 cash from DES/PTSA	00892	Jose
2nd Prize	Car rental from Budget rent a car	07563	NO NAME
3rd Prize	LG cell phone w/card from Christine Masga	01255	Larigie Achas
4th Prize	1 night hotel stay @ Hyatt Regency Hotel	04575	August E. Temol
5th Prize	$75.00 cash from DES/PTSA	03959	Christopher Achas
6th Prize	$50.00 cash from Mr. Jonas Barcinas	01349	Sabrina Limes
7th Prize	$50.00 cash from Ms. Martha Kintol	01444	Tyrique Wally
8th Prize	$50.00 Gift certificate from PC Outlet	06560	Roderick Daniel
9th Prize	Water park pass for 2 to PIC	05231	Delia Sablan
10th Prize	Water park pass for 2 to PIC	06842	Ben Rebuenog
11th Prize	Fun under the sun package @ Palms Resort	04571	Amanda Mettao
12th Prize	Fun under the sun package @ Palms Resort	05066	Kim Baek Chen
13th Prize	Lunch Buffet for 2 @ Palms Resort	00015	Gloria Hernandez
14th Prize	Lunch Buffet for 2 @ Palms Resort	03920	Akari Miones
15th Prize	Theme lunch buffet @ Fiesta Resort	07631	Ben Rebuenog
16th Prize	Sunday Brunch Buffet for 2 @ Aqua Resort	01898	Noel Esteban
17th Prize	$25 Gift certificate for Saipan Computer Services	07235	Clint Ngemaes Jr.
18th Prize	$25 Gift certificate for Lollipop's	07060	Siana Tasi
19th Prize	$25 gift certificate for National Office Supply	04800	Pilsun Kwon
20th Prize	$20 gift certificate for Dolphin Wholesale	01470	Oscar Dlg. Angui

Alfred, Palma lead 2010 GMS promotion

Joshua Krister Alfred and Radge Vladimir Palma topped the Batch 2010 Kindergarten 5 class under Sony G. Natividad during the promotion rites held on May 21, 2010.

A total of 20 pupils were promoted from Kindergarten 5, while 18 pupils in Kindergarten 3 under Myrna G. Medina and six pupils from GMS Dandan under Elsa Usman also moved to higher grades.

All students shared with the crowd what they want to become in the future. Class valedictorian Joshua Alfred wants to become an astronaut while Radge Palma wants to be a scientist.

JOSHUA KRISTER ALFRED
Valedictorian

RADGE VLADIMIR PALMA
Salutatorian

The 7th Commencement Exercises of Green Meadow School was honored by the presence of former governor Juan N. Babauta, who shared words of wisdom about successes and setbacks.

This year's theme was "Cultivating Imagination and Curiosity in the Minds of Young Learners." ***(PR)***

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Message of Appreciation

From the bottom of your hearts
We the family of our beloved

Maria Reyes Demapan

February 06, 1944 • May 27, 2010

Would like to extend our most heartfelt Na Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase and most profound and deepest gratitude to all of our families and friends for all the love, thoughtful gestures, kindness, prayers, and most especially for your presence at the Eucharistic Celebration, Nightly Mass and Rosaries.

To each and everyone who joined us in our time of grief, those not able to be with us and have contacted us from a far or have thought of us in their prayers. Si Yu'us Ma'ase, we are forever grateful to you and shall always keep you close in our hearts.

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Life & Style

Memo: Mafia rumored to set up Kennedys for scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — An informant told the FBI in 1965 that it was rumored, though never substantiated, that mafia bosses hoped to use associates of entertainer Frank Sinatra to ensnare brothers Robert and Edward M. Kennedy in compromising positions with women in retaliation for a crackdown on organized crime.

The rumor is mentioned in a memo that was part of the FBI files released Monday on the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

The agent who sent the memo to the office of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover described the information as "nebulous and vague."

Agents in Milwaukee took the information from an unidentified source "who had furnished reliable information in the past," according to the memo. However, the informant could not verify the truth of any of the rumor's details.

"This is allegedly to be accomplished by working with outfit associates of Frank Sinatra to arrange for their women to be placed in compromising situations in the presence of any or all of the two Kennedys and Peter Lawford," the Aug. 3, 1965, memo stated. At the time Lawford, an actor who was part of the Sinatra "Rat Pack," was married to Kennedy sister Patricia Kennedy.

The memo came nearly two years after the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy. His brother Robert had been attorney general from 1961 until September 1964 when he resigned to campaign for a Senate seat from New York, which he won that fall. As attorney general, he lobbied for legislation that expanded federal powers against organized crime and greatly increased the resources available to the Justice Department's organized crime section.

Edward Kennedy had been representing Massachusetts in the Senate since a special election in 1962.

The FBI files include a one-page document generated about the same time that talks about sex parties at the Hotel Carlyle in New York City. Among those mentioned as participants were the Kennedy brothers along with Lawford, Sinatra, actress Marilyn Monroe, who died in 1962, and entertainer Sammy Davis Jr.

Unlike the Milwaukee memo, the reference to sex parties came with no documentation that would indicate where the information came from or what the FBI thought of its veracity.

NEW CINDERELLA AP

In this May 23, 2010 file photo, actress Anne Hathaway arrives at the 55th Annual Drama Desk Awards in New York. Anne Hathaway is stepping into a new Cinderella story. The star of "Ella Enchanted" and "The Princess Diaries" will appear in the film adaptation of David Nicholls' popular novel, "One Day," about a working-class woman's romance with a charming rich man, played by Jim Sturgess ("Across the Universe").The movie, which begins filming this summer, will be directed by Lone Scherfig, an Oscar nominee for "An Education."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Seacrest stalker sentenced to 2 years in prison

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge in Los Angeles has sentence a man charged with stalking Ryan Seacrest to two years in prison. Chidi Benjamin Uzomah Jr. received the maximum sentence on Monday after previously pleading no contest to stalking the host of "American Idol." The 26-year-old Uzomah has been jailed since his arrest in October at the E! Entertainment Television studios, where he tried to reach Seacrest. Court filings say he was carrying a knife. Superior Court Judge John S. Fisher rejected a defense request to sentence Uzomah to probation.

Doc charged in Jackson death to keep Calif license

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Michael Jackson's family sat solemnly across the courtroom from the doctor charged in the death of the pop legend, listening as a judge said Monday he could not suspend Dr. Conrad Murray's medical license in California and that it could take months for the case to go to trial. Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor said the schedules of everyone involved in the case and the need for preparation time required that a preliminary hearing be moved back to at least Aug. 23, with a requirement to start within 60 days after that. A trial date can't be set until that process concludes. Several members of Jacksons' family, including his father Joe, mother Katherine, sister LaToya and brothers Jermaine and Randy, attended the hearing. Murray sat expressionless beside his attorneys. Asked if he waived his right to a speedy preliminary hearing, the doctor quietly replied, "Yes, sir." Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter in Jackson's death last June.

Wife of Britain's ex-prime minister to pen memoir

LONDON (AP)—The wife of former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is writing a behind-the-scenes memoir about life in 10 Downing St. Sarah Brown told followers on social networking site Twitter that she had agreed to write the book for publisher Ebury. Its working title is "Behind the Black Door." The publisher said Monday the book would tell readers what it's like "to shop with Special Branch (detectives)" and "cope with a bad hair day when Carla Bruni's in town." Brown, a former public relations executive, married Britain's then-Treasury chief in 2000. He became prime minister in 2007 and left office in May. The couple have two sons, 6-year-old John and 3-year-old Fraser. The book is due to be published in March.

Forget the VJ: MTV is ooking for a Twitter Jockey

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Remember the MTV VJ? That's so two decades ago. Now the network is looking to hire its first TJ, or Twitter Jockey. MTV officials say the search is on for a new social media maven who will engage with the MTV audience and serve as a liaison between viewers and network honchos. MTV General Manager Stephen Friedman called the TJ position "a natural evolution of how we connect with our audience." The network has identified 18 potential candidates and is asking its audience to find two more. The 20 hopefuls will compete in a series of online challenges this summer designed to reveal their personalities and demonstrate how they connect with Twitter followers. Five finalists will ultimately compete on a live show on Aug. 8, when fans will pick who gets the new job.

Charges dropped in US Elton John threat case

ATLANTA (AP)—Charges have been dropped just before the trial of a Georgia man accused of threatening Elton John on the Internet and outside the singer's Atlanta condominium. The case against Neal Horsley was dismissed by Fulton County Superior Court Judge Kimberly Esmond Adams before a trial was due to start Monday. Horsley was apparently angered when John told an interviewer that he believed Jesus was gay. The judge said Horsley's actions didn't warrant criminal charges. The 65-year-old Horsley had been charged with making terroristic threats, criminal defamation and using the Internet to disseminate threats. Prosecutors say Horsley posted threats against John online and that he picketed outside John's Atlanta property with a sign that said "Why Elton John Must Die."

Judge: Coleman remains to be cremated after 2 days

PROVO, Utah (AP)—A judge on Monday ordered that actor Gary Coleman's remains be cremated after 48 hours. Fourth District Judge James Taylor said he will appoint an independent attorney to oversee Coleman's estate and the cremation of his remains until a dispute between Coleman's ex-wife and his ex-girlfriend is settled. The judge said he will name Utah attorney Robert Jeffs the special administrator of Coleman's estate. Jeffs wasn't notified of the ruling in advance and wasn't at the hearing. He did not immediately return a call to his office seeking comment. Coleman's ex-wife, Shannon Price, and his former girlfriend and manager, Anna Gray, both contend they are the lawful administrators of his estate.

Co-worker discovers man's double life at a nightclub

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Recently I was at a club with friends and ran into a co-worker. He was dressed in drag and introduced himself as "Glenda." At work, he dresses like a male and goes by "Glen."

Since that night he has been avoiding me and cutting conversations short, if not ignoring me altogether. Should I let him know I'm OK with his alternate persona, or let it be? I don't want to risk awkward situations.

SYMPATHETIC IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

DEAR SYMPATHETIC: I don't know how large your company is or how much contact you have with Glen. If the answer is it's a large company and contact is minimal, then let it be. If you have contact with Glen frequently, and his embarrassment is having an impact on your work relationship, then clear the air by letting him know that what happens after hours is his business and you do not gossip. Period.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Gina," recently became engaged to her longtime boyfriend. A few days after hearing about the engagement, I sent her an e-mail telling her my husband and I were free every weekend except Oct. 8, 9 and 10 because a dear friend had asked me months ago to be a bridesmaid in her wedding that weekend. I have already bought the dress and had it altered. I called Gina to explain the situation after sending the e-mail.

Yesterday, I spoke with my father and found out that Gina has chosen Oct. 9 for her wedding day, even though I told her I couldn't make it then. Gina wants me to be her matron of honor because she was my maid of honor.

Clearly, I cannot participate in two weddings on the same day at the same time in different locations. Who do I say no to?

DREADING WEDDINGS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR DREADING: Let me get this straight. You warned your sister that you would be unavailable on a certain weekend, she chose that date for her wedding anyway, and you had to hear the news from your father? Could there be more going on with your relationship with your sister than you mentioned in your letter? Perhaps she felt "obligated" to have you in her wedding party because she was in yours?

From my perspective, you should thank your sister for her kind offer and remind her that you had already told her you would be unavailable that weekend. That way, you're both off the hook.

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DEAR ABBY: I work in a small office, and every day a co-worker's adult child who works nearby comes here to have lunch with her mother. She knows everyone's business as if she worked here, and we're forced to order her something when we get takeout. Frankly, we're tired of it. How can we put a stop to this without hurting anyone's feelings?

ONE MORE FOR LUNCH

DEAR O.M.F.L.: It appears the line between "family" and "business" has become blurred. The co-worker who is closest to the mother should approach her privately and say, "You should know that your daughter coming here every day is creating hard feelings in the office. If you want to have lunch with her every day, then you should be doing it outside the office. During our lunch time, we want to talk about things that are personal, and her presence makes that difficult."

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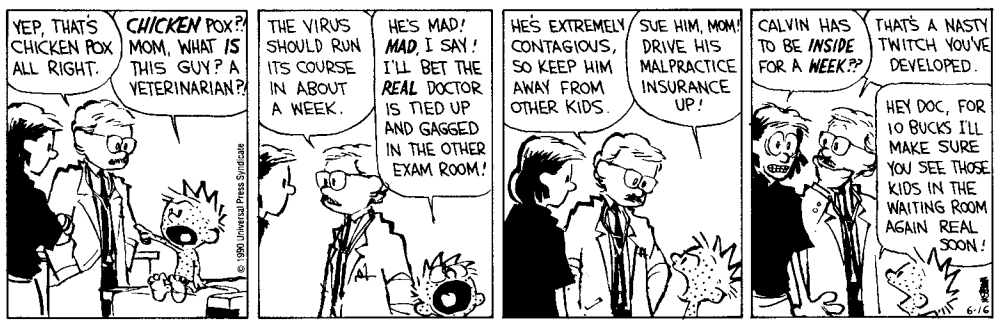
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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HE'S MAD! MAD, I SAY! I'LL BET THE REAL DOCTOR IS TIED UP AND GAGGED IN THE OTHER EXAM ROOM!
HE'S EXTREMELY CONTAGIOUS, SO KEEP HIM AWAY FROM OTHER KIDS.
SUE HIM, MOM! DRIVE HIS MALPRACTICE INSURANCE UP!
CALVIN HAS TO BE INSIDE FOR A WEEK?!
THAT'S A NASTY TWITCH YOU'VE DEVELOPED.
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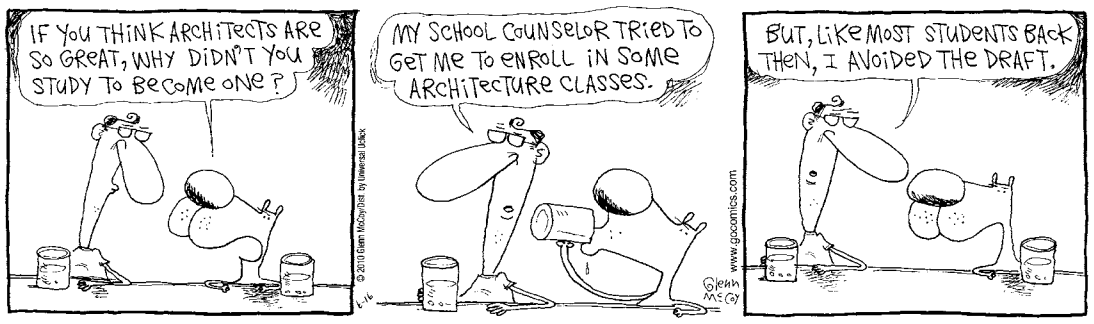
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Tosses in
5 Trail behind
8 Lone Ranger's concealment
12 Dirt
13 Id counterpart
14 Stratford's river
15 Tryout
17 Motion picture
18 Tending (to)
19 Car shelter
21 Recognized
24 Barracks bed
25 "Why not?"
28 Money
30 Altar affirmative
33 Male turkey
34 Daphnis' love
35 "— Town"
36 Clothing protector
37 Oodles
38 54-Across feature
39 Debt notice
41 Region
43 State of confusion
46 Prefix with red
50 La Scala solo
51 One way to enlarge a family
54 Entrance
55 Intimidate
56 Valhalla VIP
57 "— Karenina"
58 Longing
59 Contendere preceder

DOWN

1 Pronto, acronymically
2 Gloomy
3 "Aeneid" queen
4 Stealthily quiet
5 Mainlander's memento
6 Past
7 Amateur-night prop
8 Large-scale
9 Flying
10 "American Idol" choice
11 Dandling site
16 X rating?
20 Rue the run
22 Vocal comeback?
23 Strauss specialty
25 Gamblers' venue (Abbr.)
26 Japanese pond carp
27 Ardent desire for a goal
29 Mediocre
31 Pair
32 Sphere
34 Hint
38 Bandleader Stan
40 Butler's love
42 Pinch
43 Arp's movement
44 "— Man" (Downey movie)
45 Suggestive
47 Pet name
48 Anger
49 Domini lead-in
52 Buck's mate
53 Possess

Solution time: 21 mins.

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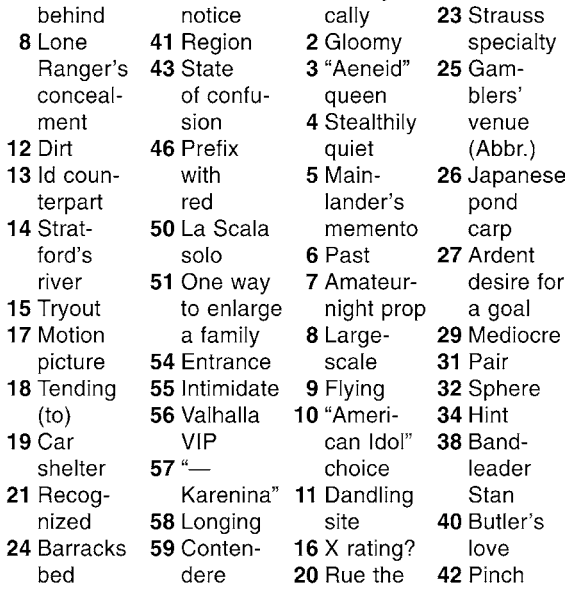
Yesterday's answer 6-16



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Keshia Chante, 22; Abby Elliott, 23; Laurie Metcalf, 55; Joyce Carol Oates, 72

Happy Birthday: Talk from the heart. Your sincerity will win favors and support. Travel plans should be made for both business and pleasure. Don't let uncertainties stand in your way. You will be able to turn things in your favor by not backing away from a situation that is teetering. You can stabilize what's going on around you if you remain balanced and constant. Your numbers are 2, 11, 15, 26, 28, 37, 40

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): You need to relax and enjoy what life has to offer. Love and romance are in the stars if you take a moment to be attentive and affectionate with someone you care for. Talk about your plans and how you can turn them into a reality. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Your actions will upset someone close to you, especially if you try to withhold information. Someone you are close to will have trouble relating to your situation. Make some personal changes to help you feel good about the way you look. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Your interest in what's happening with others will bring with it support and popularity. Encounters with new acquaintances will be uplifting. Love is on the rise and time spent with someone special will bring emotional rewards. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Talk to people in a position to make decisions and who can offer up the format for doing things according to regulations. You can be a driving force without being assertive. If you have to push someone, perhaps it's best to replace instead. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't sit back if someone is adding to your responsibilities. Be forthright about what you can and cannot do. Once you have established your position, you can get on with the things that really matter to you. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You will be faced with options that can affect your position, future and reputation. Do what you know in your heart is the right thing to do. Sharing what you know will ease your stress. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): The more you do to help or volunteer, the better established you will become with people who hold the same opinion as you. Romance is in the stars, so enjoy the company of someone who understands you. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't let your emotions get in the way. Just because someone pushes you to make a decision doesn't mean you should feel obliged to be a follower. A networking event will lead to an engaging encounter. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Hooking up with someone who can offer what you lack will make for a winning combination. You must, however, fully understand what's expected of you before you move ahead. Uncertainty can turn a good thing into something unworkable. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Take a close look at what's being offered and move forward quickly. Your response to deals and what others want will put you in a power position. A business partnership with a friend, relative or neighbor may be tempting but will be dicey. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Get your priorities straight before moving forward. Not being honest with the people in your life will not help you get ahead. Spend more time thinking and discussing what you want to do in the future. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You must offer your very best if you want to be taken seriously. Smart business starts with honesty and integrity. You can think big but offer your ideas simply until everyone is on board with you. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are bright, articulate, a perfectionist and a problem solver. You put your all into what you believe in.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

		7	3				1	9
	5					4		
9					6			
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/16

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

3	5	1	2	6	4	8	7	9
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9	2	5	6	1	3	4	8	7

Difficulty Level ★★ 6/15

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

QUANTUM ENTANGLEMENT **Solution: 8 letters**

Y	T	L	A	U	S	A	C	M	O	D	E	P	P	Y
T	R	N	S	T	N	E	V	E	W	(E)	I	G	H	T
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Yesterday's Answer: Telescope

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Pujols, Cardinals whip Mariners, 9-3

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Albert Pujols took one off the noggin for his team on a perfect day at the plate and stand-in cleanup hitter Ryan Ludwick homered to help the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Seattle Mariners 9-3 on Monday night.

Pujols singled three times and walked twice as the Cardinals bounced back after totaling 19 runs during a 1-5 West Coast swing that dropped them out of the NL Central lead. Plus, he stayed in the game after a throw to the plate glanced off his helmet ear flap in the fifth.

Ludwick finished with four RBIs and Adam Wainwright (9-4) pitched into the eighth after a shaky start. Matt Holliday also was a success batting second for the first time in his career, getting two hits and scoring twice.

The Mariners have lost six of seven, fizzling after Ichiro Suzuki hit the second pitch of the game for his 31st career leadoff homer—tying Chuck Knoblauch for 10th place. Suzuki also doubled in the eighth for his major league-leading 31st multihit game.

Luke French (0-1) replaced struggling Ian Snell in the rotation and allowed four runs in four innings.

Colby Rasmus homered in a four-run fifth off Snell, one of the runs scoring when Pujols broke for the plate on David Freese's chopper to third and was struck by Jose Lopez's errant throw.

Pujols was helped off the field by teammate Yadier Molina after receiving treatment from a trainer, but just moments later was chatting with teammates in the dugout.

The Mariners had two runs on three hits in the first against Wainwright (9-4), and no runs and one hit over the next six innings. It was Wainwright's 21st consecutive home start with three or fewer runs on his line, the longest streak in major league history, according to research by the Elias Sports Bureau.

Ludwick batted fourth in place of Holliday, coming off a 3-for-22 trip. Ludwick hit a three-run homer in the first, a sacrifice fly in the third and doubled and scored in the fifth.

AP

St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols (5) rubs his ear while being helped by Yadier Molina (4) and Cardinals trainer Greg Hauck, right, after being hit by the ball while sliding into home against the Seattle Mariners in the fifth inning in a baseball game Monday, June 14, 2010, in St. Louis.

Blue Jays 6, Padres

At San Diego, John Buck homered twice and Aaron Hill had three doubles and three RBIs to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a 6-3 win over the San Diego Padres.

Play stopped momentarily in the eighth inning as Petco Park swayed during an earthquake. David Eckstein had just grounded out in the bottom of the inning when the stadium began shaking. The next batter, Chase Headley, stayed out of the batter's box for a few seconds, then stepped in.

The public address announcer asked that everyone remain calm. The crowd cheered.

Jon Garland (6-5) allowed four runs and six hits in five innings. He struck out seven and walked four.

Shaun Marcum (6-3) pitched seven innings for Toronto, yielding three runs, two earned, and six hits. Kevin Gregg worked the ninth for his 16th save in 19 chances.

Brewers 12, Angels 2

At California, Ryan Braun hit a grand slam and Casey McGehee added a solo shot off the glove of a leaping Torii Hunter, leading Randy Wolf and Milwaukee to a victory over Los Angeles.

Wolf (5-6) allowed two runs and three hits in seven innings. The lefthander, who gave up a career-worst five homers in his previous start against the Cubs, retired his final 13 batters.

Joe Saunders (5-7) gave up six runs and six hits over 5 1-3 innings for Angels. The lefty is 1-6 with a 6.75 ERA in eight home starts—compared to 4-1 with a 2.45 ERA in his six outings on the road.

Hunter, a nine-time Gold Glove winner, timed his leap perfectly on McGehee's drive to center in the sixth. But the ball spun off the webbing of his glove and disappeared behind the center-field fence.

Angels shortstop Erick Aybar departed with a hyperextended left knee after McGehee's straight-on slide into second in the seventh.

Giants 10, Orioles 2

At San Francisco, Pat Burrell homered for the second time in four days, Freddy Sanchez drove in four runs as San Francisco won its fourth straight victory.

Jonathan Sanchez (5-5) pitched 7 2-3 innings for the Giants, allowing two runs and eight hits in the victory over Baltimore. Chris Tillman (0-3) gave up six runs and six hits over two innings for Baltimore.

Matt Wieters hit a solo homer for the Orioles, who have lost 18 of 21. Baltimore also fell to 1-6 in interleague play this season.

San Francisco moved to a season-high nine games over .500 and pulled within a half-game of NL West-leading San Diego.

Titans QB: 'I made a mistake' being at strip club

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Vince Young has apologized to the Tennessee Titans, his teammates, his family and fans for his role in a fight at a Dallas strip club. The quarterback said Monday he made a mistake being at the club.

Young, in Dallas for a Sunday autograph session, said he was headed back to his hotel when he decided to go out on the town with a friend. They went to Club Onyx, which Young said was a bad decision.

"Just made a mistake, made a mistake even being there and let that guy provoke me into doing what I did," Young told reporters after a Titans offseason practice. "Fell into his hands, what he wanted me to do so he could do what he's doing now. At the same time, let my lawyers take care of it."

Surveillance video footage released by Dallas police show the quarterback and several people talking in a small room before Young attacked someone in the room. Young left before police arrived, but he spoke with officers around 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. He received a misdemeanor assault citation, and the NFL is looking into the case.

Young returned to Nashville in time to pinch-hit late in coach Jeff Fisher's charity softball game, and he was back on the field Monday as the Titans begin to wrap up its offseason with six team sessions ending June 25.

It has been a busy day for the Titans as linebacker Stephen Tulloch signed his one-year tender hours before a deadline and the team announced linebacker Gerald McRath has been suspended for the first four games of the season.

But it was Young who found himself talking with reporters first to explain the latest incident in the up-and-down career for the quarterback taken No. 3 overall in the 2006 draft after leading Texas to a national championship. He is back as the starter, returned to the starting lineup by owner Bud Adams after the team's 0-6 start last season. He went 8-2 and now is 26-13 overall.

Young said the person who provoked him did make a downward Longhorns sign that was disrespectful. He said more went on, but he wouldn't go into any further details. Asked what would happen if he broke his throwing hand with a punch, Young said it wasn't a punch but a push.

"I made a mistake," Young said.

Young said he hopes commissioner Roger Goodell doesn't come down hard on him.

He has a disappointed coach in Fisher who had to discuss the incident Sunday night trying to raise money for charity, including Nashville flood victims.

"I'd like to think he's learned a lesson, had no business making the decision that he made and obviously he's go to deal with those consequences. I can't comment any further. The league will look into it. The commissioner is very strict about these type of things, and I'm sure we'll hear from him after we get more information," Fisher said.

"He's walking on his own on this one. This was a decision he made. It was not a good decision. He's not one that typically does this, but he put himself in a bad situation and we just move on."

Jets' Sanchez takes it easy in afternoon practice

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP)—Mark Sanchez will be a morning man during minicamp.

The New York Jets quarterback didn't participate in 11-on-11 team drills in the team's afternoon practice Monday, as planned, after going through a full session in the morning.

The team will limit him to morning practices during the three-day minicamp as he continues to recover from offseason knee surgery and get closer to feeling 100 percent healthy.

"I feel like it's done," Sanchez said. "It's just staying strong and being diligent with it."

Sanchez had the patella-stabilizing ligament in his left knee repaired in February, and participated in 11-on-11 team drills last week for the first time since the operation.

He looked mobile and unimpeded Monday morning, and threw passes in 7-on-7 drills in the afternoon.

"I'm feeling great," he said. "Physically, good. I didn't hesitate on anything. Physically in running around, I just felt solid and better than I have ever felt, really, and that's what they promised."

He still expects to be a full go when training camp opens on Aug. 2 in Cortland, N.Y. Jets coach Rex Ryan said Sanchez put in extra work at the team's training facility on Saturday and Sunday.

Sanchez also didn't appear too tired despite a late night in Manhattan on Sunday. The second-year quarterback was a presenter at the Tony Awards, attending with actress Jamie-Lynn Sigler.

"It was so fun," he said. "Really fun."

Sanchez introduced the performance of "Memphis," which later won the Tony for best musical.

"I was so excited for them because I saw it two or three times," said Sanchez, who estimates he's been to at least eight or nine Broadway shows. "I took (Dustin) Keller to see it, and he loved it."

Lakers down to last gasp against Celtics

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Down 3-2 in the NBA finals against an old foe that keeps finding new ways to beat them, the Los Angeles Lakers are going to need a big Hollywood ending to escape this jam with another championship.

That's exactly where they'll make their last stand against the Boston Celtics.

Game 6 is back home Tuesday night at Staples Center, where the Lakers are 9-1 in the postseason, with everybody from Kobe Bryant to the Lakers' bedraggled bench playing with much more passion and confidence.

"If you look at it, they've come home and carried the 3-2 lead back," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "It's basically home court, home court. Now we're going back to home court to win it. That's the way it's supposed to be, isn't it?"

Sure, on paper. But two straight losses in Boston led to a dire series deficit for the Lakers, who hadn't even trailed in any playoff series this season. The Celtics have won three of the last four games, and they're responsible for Los Angeles' only home loss of the playoffs.

So why didn't Jackson or Bryant seem particularly worried before they headed out on their final cross-country flight of the postseason? Throughout a trying season filled with injuries and big-game setbacks since a Christmas Day loss to Cleveland, the Lakers have always been able to rise when they absolutely needed to do it.

Jackson even described the Lakers' locker room as "spirited" after losing Game 5 in their lowest-scoring performance of the postseason in the 92-86 loss. For all their struggles in Boston, the Lakers realize they only have to defend their home court to win their 16th title.

"We have a challenge, obviously, down 3-2," said Bryant, who scored 38 points in Game 5 while his struggling teammates only managed 48. "We let a couple opportunities slip away, but it is what it is. Now you go home, you've got two games at home that you need to win, and you pull your boots up and get to work."

If Los Angeles survives, a champion will be crowned Thursday in Game 7.

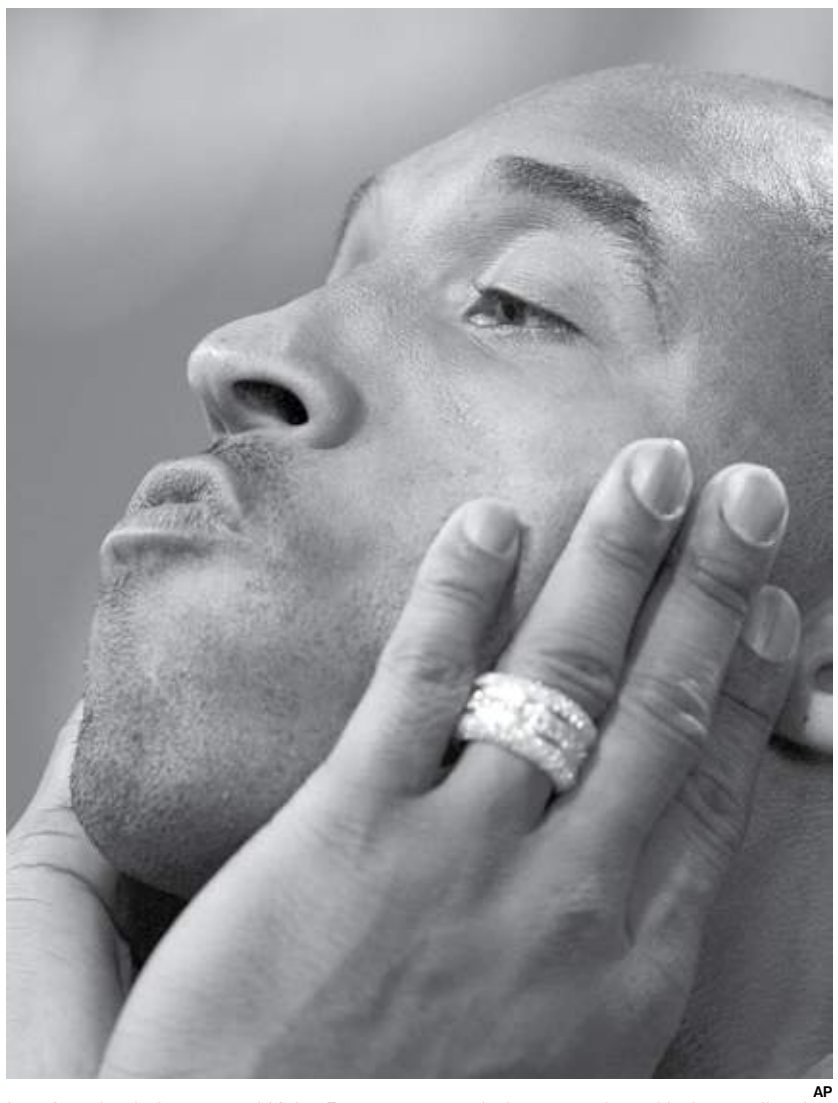
Heading into the finals, the Celtics believed they could beat the Lakers, even with Bryant at his spectacular best, if they shut down his teammates. After all, that's what Boston did two years ago in the finals—and so far, it's working splendidly again.

Bryant is averaging 30.2 points per game, while Pau Gasol averages 18.8 points and 10 rebounds despite glaring inconsistency in his game in Boston. That's just about it: Nobody else in purple and gold is averaging more than Andrew Bynum's 9.6 points per game.

Yet after losing Game 1 and only surviving Game 2 with Ray Allen's 3-point shooting binge and Rajon Rondo's late-game poise, the Celtics aren't fooled into thinking they've got the Lakers on the run in Los Angeles. Boston's current starting five has never lost a playoff series for reasons that go beyond their talent.

"They're playing at home. Home is always where your heart is," Boston's Kevin Garnett said. "With the severity of the game, it's all-out on both ends for both teams. This will probably be the hardest game of the season, if not of the series, if not of everybody's career, this game coming up."

Yet two straight losses undeniably have frazzled the Lakers a bit, with Bryant noticeably furious on the court while Game 5 slipped away. Even Jackson seemed a bit testier than his usual placid self, yelling at Bryant and Ron Artest during the game and later attempting to inspire his team in the fourth quarter with a false bit of information about the Celtics' propensity for blowing late-game leads.



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Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant pauses during a session with the media after the Celtics beat the Los Angeles Lakers 92-86 in Game 5 of the NBA basketball finals Sunday, June 13, 2010, in Boston.

Jackson likely senses the biggest danger yet to his streak of 47 straight playoff series victories after winning Game 1. The Celtics sense a golden opportunity for their 18th championship and a chance to join the Boston greats who won multiple titles while repeatedly denying the Lakers nine previous times in the NBA finals.

"The Lakers ... got homecourt advantage, but we've played the best all year on the road," Boston coach Doc Rivers said. "We're going to have to beat them at their best, because they're going to be great there, and we can't expect anything else."

Los Angeles' inside game has been its most decided advantage throughout the season, yet Boston largely has outplayed Gasol, the limping Bynum and Lamar Odom down low. The Celtics outscored Los Angeles in the paint 46-32 in Game 5, while the Lakers blocked just one shot—and Bryant did it.

Aside from Artest and his miserable series, the Lakers' least effective regular has been Odom, the reserve dynamo who played a major role in their Western Conference finals victory over Phoenix. Odom, who said he had symptoms of the flu this weekend, had eight points and eight rebounds in Game 5, along with three turnovers in a fairly passive performance.

The rest of the Lakers' reserves were even worse: Sasha Vujacic scored five points, Jordan Farmar had one, and formerly reliable Shannon Brown played just 19 seconds.

And then there's Artest, the only newcomer to last season's championship roster. With the Boston crowd vocally urging him to shoot, Artest went 2 for 9 in Game 5 to drop to 13 for 43 in the series.

His inconsistent offensive skills and shaky ball-handling abilities have abandoned him entirely in the finals, leaving only his defense—and he played precious little of it in Game 5, when Pierce scored 27 points with Artest and Bryant taking turns on him.

"The offensive part of (Artest's) game kind of comes and goes," Bryant said. "He does a great job giving us great production most nights. I just thought defensively we weren't very good at all. We didn't get any stops (in the third quarter of Game 5). They got layup after layup after layup, and you can't survive a team that shoots 56 percent. We're normally a great defensive team."

Tom Izzo declines to give camper scoop on plans

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Tom Izzo wouldn't even tell one of his young campers if he wants to coach the Cleveland Cavaliers or stay at Michigan State.

Izzo was at his basketball camp Monday when a boy tried to get the scoop, inquiring about the coach's interest in jumping to the NBA.

"Bad question," Izzo said. "Those guys up there want to know that."

Cleveland wouldn't mind an answer either.

But Izzo had nothing new to say Monday night, declining comment to two reporters waiting outside his office.

He's trying to stay quiet publicly until he has decided whether to leave the place that has been his home since 1983 and jump to the NBA to perhaps make $6 million—doubling his salary—and possibly coaching one of the best basketball players in the world.

Clearly, Izzo would like to know whether he would have LeBron James to coach next season.

A person familiar with the situation, however, told the AP that James has not spoken to Izzo about Cleveland's coaching vacancy, and the two-time NBA MVP has no plans to get involved in the Cavaliers' search. James has stayed clear of the Cavs' pursuit of Izzo and will remain on the outside, said the person who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the team and the school are not commenting on Izzo's status.

James recently said in an interview that he will not lobby for any coach and is unlikely to comment on his future before free agency begins on July 1.

Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert, and general manager Chris Grant declined comment Monday.

That hasn't stopped media in Michigan from trying to get clues, or an answer, from Izzo.

A pack of reporters, six TV cameras and two photographers were given limited access to the camp as Izzo addressed hundreds of boys and many of their parents at the Breslin Center, where his championship and Final Four banners are in the rafters.

Izzo tried to conduct business as usual at his camp, joking and giving the boys a sense of what the week would be like. "Our motto is: Learn to listen and listen to learn."

He used a few of his current players and a couple former ones to run the team's motion offense.

"The NBA does a great job of spacing," said Izzo, who made more than one reference to the league.

After Izzo sent the campers off to other gyms, he spoke to his wife, Lupe, for a few minutes. She later left in her car after waving to reporters and walking past a few of "WE (heart) IZZO" signs that were planted just outside her husband's office, as well as along the roads the Izzos take from their home to campus.

While the Cavs wait for Izzo, they're working on what seems to be Plan B.

Grant spoke by phone last week to Byron Scott, a former New Jersey Nets and New Orleans Hornets coach. Scott fits the profile of the kind of coach Gilbert wants. But the three-time NBA champion guard for the Lakers could be waiting to see if Phil Jackson leaves Los Angeles. Scott's agent, Brian McInerney, has deferred all inquiries to the Cavs.

If Izzo leaves Michigan State, the list of possible successors likely would include Dayton's Brian Gregory, Tulsa's Doug Wojcik, Utah's Jim Boylen—all once assistants under Izzo—along with current Michigan State assistants Mark Montgomery and Dwayne Stephens. Both played for the Spartans when Izzo was a relatively unknown assistant for Jud Heathcote.

Drew finally gets his chance to be a head coach

ATLANTA (AP)—Now that he's finally got his chance to be an NBA head coach, Larry Drew knows that his new job will be a lot easier if he still has Joe Johnson on the team.

Drew wasted no time making his pitch to the free-agent-to-be.

"I think my hiring should be a plus," Drew said Monday, when he was formally introduced as the new coach of the Atlanta Hawks. "I'm a guy who's already been in here, who already knows the players, who already has a feel for the team. The things I'm talking about putting in are going to enhance Joe's game even more."

Johnson has made it clear that he intends to test free agency this summer, and he was the only prominent Atlanta player who didn't show for Drew's first news conference, held on the practice court at Philips Arena.

But Drew, who spent six years as the top assistant to former coach Mike Woodson, said he'll bring more creativity to the offense. The Hawks looked especially stagnant in the second round of the playoffs, when Atlanta was blown out by the Orlando Magic in the most lopsided four-game sweep in NBA history.

Johnson had a miserable postseason and ticked off the home fans with critical comments about their lack of support during the Orlando series. While he wouldn't close the door on returning to the Hawks, he made it clear he wanted to be part of a glamorous free agent class that is likely to also include LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

Drew said he had an encouraging telephone conversation with Johnson before getting the head coaching job, but hasn't had a chance to speak with him since the news broke Friday about Atlanta settling on Woodson's successor.

Clearly hoping that Johnson would hear of his plans, Drew said he'll install an offense that relies on more ball movement and doesn't count on the team's best scorer handling the ball so much.

That was the most persistent criticism of Woodson, whose offense relied heavily on isolation sets and one-on-one matchups.

"I want to take some of the wear and tear off" Johnson, Drew said. "That's something we really have to look at. Playing night in and out with people homing in on you makes it tough. I want to make it easier on him."

Drew was hired after a search that also included Dwane Casey and Avery Johnson, both of whom had previous head coaching experience.

"Certainly, this is a day I will long remember," said Drew, who was accompanied by his wife—on their 24th wedding anniversary, no less—and the couple's three sons, including North Carolina point guard Larry Drew II. "It has been a very long journey. I just thank God for my patience."

G-Rollers outlast Celtics in OT

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The G-Rollers and Celtics match Monday night at the Garapan Basketball Court marked the first overtime game in the 18-and-under division of the 2010 UBA Youth League.

G-Rollers' John Norita played virtually the whole game and led his team to a 66-63 comeback victory over the Celtics.

Celtics deep threat Tim Taguchi was good for 10 points with a couple of threes to help his team accrue a 30-27 lead at the half.

Jeon Daemin and Richard Wang also chipped in with nine and seven points, respectively, in support.

Norita started off well in the first period for the G-Rollers with 15 points and teammate John Cenir hit a three and chipped in seven points.

In the second half, Norita took a brief break, but Lawrence DL Guerrero stepped up to help fill in with 12 points. Guerrero found some success in driving right at the hoop before he was injured late in the final seconds of the second half. He would return to the game after an official timeout.

Norita displayed a tremendous performance on both sides of the ball. He did a great job of contesting a lot of shots from the Celtics as well as fighting down low for some big rebounds. On the other end, Norita also managed to put up a healthy 11 points for the G-Rollers.

This match became more and more physical as the game went on. For the majority of both halves, the Celtics actually played with a five- or six-point cushion, but the G-Rollers seemed to sneak back in it near the final minutes. A number of free throws missed by both teams late in the game also factored into the close score.

In the late moments of the second half, the Rollers clung to a 57-56 lead. Wang then went to the line for the Celtics and made both free throws to put them ahead by one. Then Norita went to the line for the G-Rollers and made one to tie it up again. Taguchi went to the line for the Celtics soon after and made one and then when Guerrero was injured, he hit one at the line and tied it up again.

In overtime, Norita dominated the tempo of the game as the Celtics lost some organization and may have run out of gas. Norita made two big shots down low at the end and the Rollers won, 66-63.

The Sixers are scheduled to play the Sonics tonight 7:30pm, with the preceding 15-and under division game at 6pm at the Garapan Basketball Court.

G-Rollers 63, Sonics 61

Earlier in the evening, the G-Rollers edged out the Sonics in the 15-and-under division game. In another chess match of a game, Savali Talalemotu and his G-Rollers came out on top again.

Talalemotu led the way for the G-Rollers with 12 points and received help from Erick Dela Rosa, Matt Igitol, and Angelo Limes; the trio added six, four, and four points, respectively.

Bryl Alegre made the first three baskets for the Sonics, but then went silent for the rest of the game. John Darag stepped up and delivered nine first half points and the Sonics spread the ball around and managed mixed support from the bench.

Leading, 27-26 at the half, Darag broke out with six points early in the period for the Sonics but then went quiet until he converted three free throws at the very end. Jack Aranda helped out with eight points and a number of Sonics attempted to get in on the action, but the Rollers kept plugging at the Sonics.

Talalemotu added 15 more points in the second half after taking a brief break to start the period. His teammate, Stacey Macaranas, filled in with a three-pointer and seven points early in the half. Limes added three field goals and Talalemotu played very well down low, salvaging a bunch of rebounds under the basket. This game could have went either way, but the Rollers prevailed, 63-61.

First Game

G-Rollers 63 – Talalemotu 27, Limes 12, Dela Rosa 10, Macaranas 8, Igitol 4, Diaz 2.

Sonics 61 – Darag 18, Aranda 12, Salem 10, Alegre 6**,** de Guzman 6, Mizer 5, Escalada 2, Tudela 2.

Scoring by halves: 26-27, 63-61.

Second Game

G-Rollers 66 – Norita 28, DL Guerrero 16, Cenir 6, Palacios 6, Gotengco 4, Mariano 3, Jasper 3.

Celtics 63 – Wang 23, Taguchi 21, Daemin 15, Villagomez 2, Wesley 2.

Scoring by halves: 27-30, 59-59, 66-63 (OT).

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nation are allowed to earn seats on the squad.

In Pool B of the boys U14 age group, Jake Lee is also assured of a semis ticket, following his 4-0 record after yesterday's matches. Lee topped Guam's Jonathan Toves, 6-0, 6-0, and teammate Angelo Jones yesterday, 6-1, 6-1. Lee will meet Palau's Kaito Fuji for the top spot in Pool B.

In the girls U14, Melody Johnson and Mikayla Lopez also claimed semis seats.

Johnson is undefeated in Pool A with a 3-0 record and will dispute the top spot against Guam's Katie Lai. Johnson notched her third win yesterday against FSM's Danielle Adams, 6-0, 6-1.

In Pool B, Lopez also holds a 3-0 record after getting her third triumph yesterday, following a 6-2, 6-1 win over Guam's Annette Kang. Lopez will battle Guam's Chloe Gadsden for the No. 1 spot in Pool B today.

In the boys U12, the CNMI nearly swept the top seeding in four pools. Dylan Ackerman topped Pool B, Carl Dela Cruz won Pool C, and Chris Cajigan prevailed in Pool D. FSM's Terry Rush won Pool A.

In the girls U14 division, the Commonwealth is also assured of at least two semis tickets. One of them is for Negahr Rastguiy, who was unbeaten in two games. Rastguiy downed teammate Gabrielle Race yesterday morning, 6-0, 6-0, and was scheduled to meet Pool B third seed Nadine Del Carmen of Guam in the afternoon. Rastguiy will play her last match today against FSM's Sunshine Palik and the former is heavily favored to win.

Emily Jones and Tammy Ackerman also have chances to advance to the semis after sporting identical 2-1 records in Pool A.

Jones swept her Day 1 assignments before losing to Ackerman in three sets yesterday. Besides her 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 win over Jones, Ackerman also beat FSM's Jennia Panuelo on Monday for a 2-1 slate.

Jones will play Pool A top seed Ayana Rengiil of Palau today and a CNMI bet win and an Ackerman victory over Lucy Park will force a three-way tie for the top spot.

In the girls U18, sisters Thea and Theecel Minor are assured of semis berths after improving to similar 3-0 records. Thea is in Pool A and will go for a sweep against second seed Abigail Gbewonyo of Palau today. Thea won over Guam's Andrea Lai, 6-1, 6-1, and FSM's Amanda Hawkins yesterday, 6-0, 6-0.

In Pool B, Theecel defeated Guam's Charlayne Espinosa yesterday, 6-2, 6-4, to remain unbeaten and the former will face top seed Alyssa Hawkins of FSM for the No. 1 spot in their group.

In the boys' U18, Rafael Jones is still on target with his 3-0 record after Day 2, while Andy Nutting remains in contention for a semis ticket after improving to a 2-2 mark.

Games in the NPQ are being played on the Pacific Islands Club, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, and American Memorial Park courts.

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Camacho flied out before Ayuyu broke the spell and singled. Sablan then hit his target and brought Ayuyu home for a 17-15 lead. J.J. Laniyo flied out to end the top of the seventh inning.

At the bottom of the last inning, Marvin Palacios' single drove in Oscar Sablan, but that was the only time Island Rebels scored, as Man Amigos tightened up their defense in the ensuing plays to keep the win.

Man Amigos had to battle Island Rebels for the last finals seat after the former lost to Natibu in the winner's bracket semifinals on Friday, 10-21.

Natibu is this year's pennant champion and is slightly favored against Man Amigos, as the former had a 2-1 record against the latter. Man Amigos beat Natibu in their lone meeting in the regular season and both teams finished the elimination round with 18-2 win-loss records. In the playoff game for the pennant, Natibu won and then advanced to the finals first after an 11-run victory in the semis last week.

In tonight's championship, Natibu will have a twice-to-beat advantage over Man Amigos, as the pennant champion was undefeated in the playoffs.

In the championship game for the lower half bracket, Berdax will take on Go for Broke.

The inaugural Chamolinian league drew 21 teams with the Top 10 advancing to the players and the remaining teams having their own playoff round.

ITALY

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but lost both times. Heading into this year's World Cup, the Dutch finished the qualifying campaign with a perfect record.

In Bloemfontein, Japan won its first match at the World Cup on foreign soil when Honda scored in the 39th from a curling cross by Daisuke Matsu.

"I found a good position and the ball was very good," Honda said. "I just told myself to be calm to make it because recently we have missed good chances, so I wanted to make it absolute today."

Through 11 games, there have been eight clean sheets, with the only matches where both teams scored coming in 1-1 draws between the United States and England, between South Africa and Mexico, and Italy Paraguay. Through Monday, no winning team had allowed a goal.

The Italy-Paraguay match at Green Point Stadium in Cape Town started on time despite a wage dispute between stewards and a security contractor. Police took over responsibility for security both in Cape Town and in Durban.

"Gates have opened, the police are in control and the match will kick off as scheduled," organizers said in a statement.

Also, the topic of the vuvuzela went right to the top at FIFA again on Monday, with president Sepp Blatter defending the loud plastic horns that are commonplace at football matches in South Africa.

"I have always said that Africa has a different rhythm, a different sound," Blatter said in a Twitter message. "I don't see banning the music traditions of fans in their own country."

BECKS

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in the second half, as Ol'Aces managed to take a seven-point lead, 74-67, with 3:47 left in the game.

It was the Bud Ice Rollers' turn to rally back and it moved within one after a 9-3 run capped by an L.J. Reyes' layup, 38.9 seconds to go in the fourth.

However, Tyrone Omar made it a three-point game when he nailed a layup with the 24-second shot clocking going down. Omar also drew a foul on Manny Matagolai and missed the bonus shot.

When Bud Ice Rollers regained possession, Bud Light Lime put up a good perimeter defense against the former's shooters, forcing Leo Galarse to attack the basket. Ben Lisua fouled him and Galarse only had a split, cutting the lead to a deuce, 77-79, 11.3 seconds to go in the game.

Ol'Aces sued for time to set up a play and when the game resumed, Trevor Ogumoro was called for palming violation, returning the leather to Bud Ice, with 8.3 seconds remaining on the clock.

Ogumoro then made up for his earlier booboo when he deflected Tom Santos' reverse layup in Rollers' last offensive play. The ball then went out of the right baseline with a Rollers player touching it last. Bud Light Lime was awarded possession and it just threw away the ball to it frontcourt, as there was only less than a second left on the clock.

The Ol'Aces trailed, as their veteran but slower players could not keep up with the younger Rollers in the first half. At the start of the second half, Ol'Aces switched players and young guns Marvin Rabauliman, Derrick Aughenbaugh, and Trevor Ogumoro made things happen for the team.

Rabauliman scored 22 off the bench, Ogumoro added 14, and Aughenbaugh chipped in 11. Omar fired eight, making six in the fourth period when Ol'Aces grabbed the driver's seat. Ernie Fernandez also contributed eight with his jumper giving Ol'Aces their first taste of the lead, 60-59, after a 2-0 count in the opening period.

Manny Matagolai paced Rollers with 31 markers, but was held to only one field goal in the fourth canto.

In the first game, Becks 670 leaned on Tony Diaz's 27 points to beat Bacardi Mojito.

Becks fell behind in the first period, 7-15, before Diaz opened the second canto with six straight points to put the team in the lead at the break, 27-23.

Becks never relinquished the upper hand after that to win its debut game.

Bacardi Mojito Hi-5 had several chances to steal the win in the last two minutes when it was given six straight free throws with Becks up by only eight. However, Hi-5 made only three, while Becks went 5-for-6 to seal the victory.

First Game

Becks 670 64 – T. Diaz 27, E. Diaz 10, Camacho 7, Fitial 7, Benavente 4, Lizama 3, Z. Diaz 2.

Bacardi Hi-5 60 – Sablan 14, Abuel 9, Villacrusis 9, Bernardo 6, Demapan 4, Opone 4, Santos 3, Lauron 2, Capalad 2, Diaz 2.

Scoring by quarters: 7-15, 27-23, 46-38, 64-60.

Second Game

Bud Light Lime Ol'Aces 79 – Rabauliman 22, Ogumoro 14, Aughenbaugh 11, Omar 8, Fernandez 8, Camacho 6, Lisua 4, Iginoef 2, Coldeen 2.

Bud Ice Rollers 77 – Matagolai 31, Reyes 8, D. Teregeyo 8, Hambros 8, Santos 7, Galarse 5, Aughenbaugh 4, Babauta 3.

Scoring by quarters: 13-21, 33-45, 60-61, 79-77.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	40	23	.635	—
Tampa Bay	40	23	.635	—
Boston	37	28	.569	4
Toronto	35	30	.538	6
Baltimore	17	47	.266	23 1/2

Central Division

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Chicago	28	34	.452	7 1/2
Kansas City	27	37	.422	9 1/2
Cleveland	25	37	.403	10 1/2

West Division

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Three take MVP plums in Masters caging

Pangelinan

Palacios

Mendoza

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Two IT&E players and one Easy Does It cager claimed the highest individual awards in the 2010 MGD/MBFNMI 35A Masters Basketball League.

IT&E's Edsel Mendoza took the regular season MVP in Pool A, while teammate Gus Palacios clinched the Finals MVP award. Easy Does It gunner Edgar Pangelinan was named regular season MVP in Pool B.

Mendoza led IT&E to an undefeated record in the regular season with the Pool A pennant champion beating Ebisuya, Konflict, QQ Rent A Car, Below the Rim, CGD Pawnshop, Moonlight, and Team 4.

Mendoza, a former CNMI National Team member, averaged in double figures in scoring in the regular season and never missed a game in the elimination round.

In the playoffs, Mendoza teamed up with Gus Palacios and Ernie Fernandez in giving IT&E two wins (against Team 10 and Konflict) to bring their team to the finals.

In the finals, Palacios scored five straight points in the last two minutes, allowing IT&E to turn a 70-all score to a 75-70 lead. Palacios finished with 17 points, making 10 of them in the fourth quarter, to lift IT&E to a 77-70 triumph.

Pangelinan was the main offensive threat of Easy Does It all throughout the inaugural season of the caging Masters Basketball Federation of Northern Mariana Islands organized league.

He averaged close to 20 points per game in the regular season, helping Easy Does It secure the pennant in Pool B. Easy Does It had a 6-1 record in the regular season, absorbing its lone loss in the elimination round against Brabu Bulls.

In the playoffs, Easy Does It topped QQ Rent a Car and then avenged their loss to Brabu Bulls to advance to the championship. Easy Does It was in control of the first half of its title match against IT&E before folding up in the second half and losing the crown to the latter.

Pangelinan, Mendoza, and Palacios received trophies for their outstanding performance at the awards ceremony held last Sunday at the Minatchom Atdao Pavillion.

Also receiving trophies were Pool A and B pennant champions IT&E and Easy Does It, respectively. IT&E received the grand championship trophy and each player was awarded a medal. CGD Pawnshop took the Sportsmanship Award trophy.

Swim lessons start June 21; Escape from Managaha on June 26

Saipan Swim Club will host two big events this month.

First up is the summer swim lessons, beginning on June 21. The following week, SSC will have the much-awaited Escape from Managaha, which is set for June 26.

Swim lessons will be held at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi and will be on weekdays. In the clinic, children will be taught how to swim both for enjoyment, safety, and for competition.

CNMI Hall of Famer Mike Villagomez is SSC's head coach and will be leading the swim lessons through the help of assistant coaches Lisa Kimbal and former CNMI National team swimmer Tammy Winkfield. Detailed information about the swim lessons will be announced later.

This year's Escape from Managaha will push through after all, following the postponement of the event early this year. The 2010 edition of Escape from Managaha was originally scheduled in March, but issues with swimmers safety had to be ironed out first thus the event was moved to June 26.

SSC was also able to secure permit for the race, which in the past had swimmers starting the event from Micro Beach to the fabled island. Starting point of the race will be announced later.

SSC is encouraging swimmers to join the Escape from Managaha, as this is a fundraiser for SSC swimmers representing the CNMI to the 2010 Micronesian Games. The club also needs kayakers to ensure the safety of swimmers.

For more information, contact Kimball at 322-7130. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

Over $400K in prizes at stake in ToC

The 15th Annual Tournament of Champions, the premier golf event on Saipan, will be played on July 31 and Aug. 1 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

The two-day event is bigger and better than ever with exciting hole-in-one prizes, golf ball drop, and the chance to walk away with $1 million dollars.

In honor of the 15th anniversary, the TOC tournament fee be $175, which was the fee during the first tournament in 1996.

"We want our regular players know we appreciate their support for TOC, and hope that new players will be encouraged to join due to the lower price," said tournament director Ben Babauta.

The fee includes two days of golf and the awards banquet which will be held on Sunday at Laolao Bay's The Grill Restaurant immediately following the tournament.

First place winners in the Men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior, and Super Senior Flights will each receive $600 cash, $500 for second, $400 for third, a digital camera for fourth, and $100 Duty Free Shoppers gift certificate for fifth place.

The Ladies Low Gross champion will receive $600, $500 for second, and $400 for third place. The Ladies Low Net first through third places will receive a trophy.

Over $400,000 worth of prizes are at stake in the two-day tournament, including hole-in-one prizes worth $50,000 on both the east and west course courtesy of AON, three brand new cars from Joeten Motors, Triple J Motors, and Microl Corp.

A Harley Davidson motorcycle from American Iron Horse and $25,000 from Bank of Hawaii also be given as a joint hole-in-one prize. In addition, $1,000 will be awarded to closest to the pin winners in hole No. 15 of the east course.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Guam's Louie Sunga, left, is all smiles as he receives the top prize in the Championship Flight from 14th Annual Tournament of Champions chairman Ben Babauta during last year's awards ceremony at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort's Crystal View Restaurant.

"Our hole-in-one prizes are absolutely spectacular this year. Past players have won TOC hole in one prizes and we hope this year to have at least one over the two days," Babauta added.

Something new for the 15th edition o fthe tournament will be a Golf Ball Drop. TOC players will have the chance purchase golf balls and win $15,000 if their ball is dropped in the designated area and selected by special drawing.

The $1-million shootout will return with each ticket holder having five chances to walk away with $1 million dollars.

Since its inception, TOC has given over $500,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund which has gone directly to the improvements of the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from Garapan to the Palms Resort, as well as the revitalization of the Garapan special district.

In addition, TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, and most recently the beatification of the Port to Park pathway.

"We are proud of our continued commitment to enhance the beauty of Saipan for our tourists and residents." Babauta, said. "It is the generous support of our golfers, sponsors and committee members that make this event possible."

In 2009, Guam golfer, Louie J. Sunga defended his title in the Men's Championship Flight. Bae Yong Man won second place, Joji Taguchi was third, Seung Woo Kang and Jong Won Lee were fourth and fifth place, respectively.

In the A Flight, Tae Sung Seol won first place.Yasu Irinaka was second, Philip Mark Santos was third, with and Sung Keun Kim finishing fourth and Jessie K. Seman placing fifth. Rep. Diego T. Benavente topped the B Flight, followed by Jhun Calma, Ben Mabborang, Tony Rogolifoi, and George Fleming.

Yoshiro Yamamoto won the C Flight, Tony Sablan placed second, and Martin Duenas was third. Manny Mangarero won the Seniors Flight crown, while Duke Yoo, Kwang Min, and Mike Conley were in a three-way tie for second. Yoo won the Super Seniors title in a scorecard playoff.

In Ladies Flight, Yun Jeong Kim won low gross followed by Rose Tarpley in second place over Noriko Togawa. In the Ladies Low Net, Kimiko Abe came in first, while Lorraine Babauta and Na Eun Song were second and third, respectively.

This year's TOC is supported by Platinum sponsors DFS Galleria, Marianas Visitors Authority, and Laolao Bay Golf Resort. Gold sponsors include Aon Insurance, American Iron Horse, Bank of Hawaii, Docomo Pacific, IT&E, Joeten Motors, Microl Corp., Miller Lite, Nike Golf, Pepsi, Shell, Tan Holdings, and Triple J Motors. Other supporters are silver sponsors Budweiser, Elite Printing, Hard Rock Café, Jack Hardy Images Saipan, Saipan Computer Services and bronze sponsors Coca-Cola, Hyatt Regency Saipan, IConnect, Kautz Glass, KSPN Channel 2/Visitors Channel, KZMI/KCNM, and Power 99.

New sponsorship benefits have been added for the 2010 ToC. For more information about sponsorship opportunities for the 2010 ToC, contact Kathryn Barry at 287-2872. ***(PR)***

Art of War 5 deadline on June 18

Trench Tech Purebred Gym is reminding all interested No Gi practitioners that this is the final week to sign up for the Art of War 5 All Island Grappling/Submission Challenge 2010.

Sign ups will be accepted all the way until Friday evening, June 18, at the Trench Tech Gym in San Antonio.

Fighters can sign up to compete in seven different weight categories at $20 per weight class.

For spectators interested in watching the tournament, tickets can be purchased for only $5 at Trench Tech or just pay at the door.

With the gold medal accomplishment of Frank "The Crank" Camacho in the recently held Mundials (World BJJ Championships), the Art Of War 5 is a grappling event catered to promote Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and the awareness of unarmed combat in a tournament style setting.

The tournament will take place on June 19 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Expected start time is 9am and should finish by 5pm.

For more information about Art of War 5, call 483-4MMA. ***(Walter Sutherland)***

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CNMI netters still on target

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The CNMI Junior Tennis Team boosted its chances of getting 12 slots on the North Team after Day 2 of the 2010 North Pacific Qualifying tennis tournament.

Leading the Commonwealth's bid for 12 tickets on the North Pacific Team that will be competing in the 2010 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji is Christian Miller, who remained unbeaten in the boys U14 age group.

Miller is the top seed in Pool A and is favored to sweep his elimination round assignment, as he is set to meet Guam's Joshua Cepeda (1-2) today for his fourth game. Miller played only one game in Day 1, then beat FSM's David Panuelo, 6-0, 6-1, and teammate Tommy Choi, 6-0, 6-0, yesterday to keep his perfect record.

The 14-year-old Miller is guaranteed a semis seat in the boys U14, regardless of the result of his last match today. The Top 4 players in U14 and in the two other age groups (U12 and U18 will gain spots on the North Pacific team. However, only two players from the same

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Tammy Ackerman returns to Emily Jones during their girls U12 game in the 2010 North Pacific Qualifying tennis tournament yesterday on the Pacific Islands Club hard court. Ackerman won, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Man Amigos vs Natibu in Chamolinian finals

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Man Amigos and Natibu will meet for the fourth time this year to duel for the championship in the Chamolinian Softball Association's 2009 Budweiser Slow-pitch Softball League.

The title game is set for tonight at 6:30pm at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Man Amigos was the last team to make it to the finals after a thrilling 17-16 win over the Island Rebels.

Manny Sablan made the game-winning hit after blasting a two-run homer at the top of the seventh inning. Man Amigos and Island Rebels were even 15-all after six when third batter Jerry Ayuyu singled and later reached home plate on Sablan's round-tripper.

Man Amigos had control of the game in the first five innings after taking a 9-4 advantage. A six-run top of the sixth padded Man Amigos lead, 15-4. However, an 11-run top of the sixth, highlighted by Roy Celis' grand slam, allowed Island Rebels to tie the game, 15-all.

At the bottom of the last inning, Man Amigos' first two batters John Tagabuel and Julian

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Becks, Bud Light Lime draw first blood

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Becks 670 and Bud Light Lime Ol'Aces had winning debuts in the 2010 Budweiser Men's Basketball League after pulling off contrasting wins Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the first game, Becks 670 recovered from a slow start and then withstood Bacardi Hi-5's repeated comeback bids in the last three quarters to nail a 64-60 victory during the league's opening day.

In the second match, Bud Light Lime Ol'Aces played catch-up all night and then seized control of the game midway in the fourth en route to a 79-77 win over Bud Ice Rollers.

After the Bud Ice Rollers led by as much as 12 in the first half, fortunes changed

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Bud Light Lime Ol'Aces' Trevor Ogumoro, right, and Tyrone Omar, left, play good defense against Bud Ice Rollers' Ham Hambros during the second game in the opening day of the Budweiser caging Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Italy held to 1-1 draw, Netherlands, Japan win

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JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Defending champion Italy was far from proving itself to be a credible contender for a second straight World Cup title Monday, and the flying form of the Netherlands never really got off the ground.

The Italians, who came into the World Cup in South Africa with an aging squad and questions about whether they could again win consecutive tournaments as they did in 1934 and '38, were held to a 1-1 draw by Paraguay in Group F in Cape Town.

The two-time finalist Dutch struggled to get the offense moving at Soccer City but still managed to earn a 2-0 win over Denmark in Group E. In the other Group E match, Keisuke Honda scored to lead Japan over Cameroon 1-0 in Bloemfontein.

Antolin Alcaraz gave Paraguay the lead at the Green Point Stadium with a header in the 39th minute of the rainy Group F match, and Daniele De Rossi equalized for Italy from close range in the 63rd.

"The biggest regret is the result," Italy coach Marcello Lippi said. "They only approached the goal once and they scored. We reacted well but you've got to win games likes these."

Italy, however, played the second half without goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon, who left the game with back a problem. Buffon said the problem was with his sciatic nerve.

"I hope he's back for the next game but that will be up to the doctors," Lippi said.

In Johannesburg, Dirk Kuyt scored one goal for the Dutch, who came into the tournament in South Africa expecting to show the world how to play beautiful, free-flowing football. But the other goal came off an unfortunate mishap when Denmark defender Simon Poulsen headed a ball off the back of teammate Daniel Agger and into the net.

"We wanted to play beautiful football but we lost the ball," Netherlands coach Bert Van Marwijk said. "(But) from time to time you could see how good we can be."

The Netherlands took the lead against Denmark in the 46th minute when Poulsen tried to clear a cross from Robin van Persie but instead headed it off Agger's back and into the net.

"I was just thinking, this can't be happening," Poulsen said of the freak goal.

Kuyt added the second goal in the 85th when he tapped in a rebound off the post from close range.

The Netherlands reached the 1974 and '78 World Cup finals,

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AP
Italy's Riccardo Montolivo, left, is fouled by Paraguay's Cristian Riveros during the World Cup group F soccer match between Italy and Paraguay in Cape Town, South Africa, Monday, June 14, 2010.